Charity registration number 1151260 (England and Wales)

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION - CIO)

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION
(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION - CIO)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Professor Kyle Grayson - Chair (up to July 2025)	
	Professor Juanita Elias - Vice Chair (up to July 2025) and Chair (from August 2025)	
	Professor Victoria Basham - Vice Chair	(Appointed 1 August 2025)
	Professor Helena Farrand Carrapico (Secretary)	
	Professor Andrew Dorman - Treasurer (from August 2025)	(Appointed 1 August 2025)
	Dr Jamie Hagen - EDI Lead	(Appointed 1 August 2025)
	Dr Nick Caddick	
	Dr Marianna Charountaki	
	Professor Timothy Edmunds	
	Professor Jack Holland	
	Dr Una McGahern	
	Dr Geoffrey Swenson	
	Professor Simon Rushton	
	Professor Ilan Baron	
	Professor Andrew Neal	(Appointed 1 August 2026)
	Dr Alice Finden	(Appointed 1 August 2026)
	Professor Patricia Owens	(Appointed 1 August 2026)
	Dr Chris Rossdale	(Appointed 1 August 2026)
	Dr Holly Eva Ryan	(Appointed 1 August 2026)

All the above make up BISA's Executive Committee and are entitled to vote.

Co-opted members	Ms Juliet Dryden	Director/CEO
	Mr Dan Aylward	Treasurer (up to July 2025)
	Dr Nicholas Wright	FCDO Representative
	Assala Khettache	Chair of Postgraduate Network (up to Jul 25)
	Konstantinos Manakos	Chair of Postgraduate Network (from Aug 25)

Charity number 1151260

Registered office University Of Birmingham Room 650
6th Floor
Muirhead Tower
Birmingham
B15 2TT

Independent examiner Gravita Audit Oxford LLP
First Floor, Park Central
40-41 Park End Street
Oxford
OX1 1JD

Bankers Barclays
Birmingham Edgbaston
Leicester
LE87 2BB

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION
(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION - CIO)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Key staff	Juliet Dryden	Director/CEO and Company Secretary
	Chrissie Duxson	Communications Manager
	Freya Jones	Administrator
	Ella Buillard	Events Coordinator

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION
(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION - CIO)
CONTENTS

	Page
Trustees' report	1 - 12
Statement of trustees' responsibilities	13
Independent examiner's report	14
Statement of financial activities	15
Balance sheet	16
Notes to the financial statements	17 - 26

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION
(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION - CIO)
TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees have pleasure in submitting their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2019' (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity. The following report was approved by the trustees on 11 September 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Legal Status

The British International Studies Association (BISA) has been a charity for some years under charity number 1151260 but changed its legal status in September 2022 from a company limited by guarantee under number 8422260 to a Charitable Incorporated Association (CIO) governed by Charity Law with limited trustee liability and reporting to the Charity Commission. It is subject to the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the rulings of the High Court with regard to charities generally and is registered for VAT (registered number 982 6566 71). The trustees of the charity are required to act prudently at all times in the best interests of the charity.

The Charities Act 2011 requires registered charities to make an annual return of accounts and activities. The Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice ('Charity SORP 2015' (FRS 102), form the accounting framework for charities. The current guidance can be found at:

www.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity_requirements_guidance/accounting_and_reporting/.

History and Aims

The British International Studies Association was founded in 1974 by an interim committee and is governed by a new 2022 constitution revised from the original 1974 Articles of Association and approved by the BISA membership at an EGM in June 2022.

The objectives of the Association, primarily 'the advancement of education in international studies and related subjects' are set out clearly in clause 3 of the constitution. The Association aims to represent and support the scholarly community of academics, students and others working in International Studies and related disciplines and is committed to furthering research, knowledge exchange, professional development and learning and teaching.

Membership

BISA membership is open to any member of the public interested in International Studies and related fields and holds particular relevance to those working in higher education institutions in the UK and further afield. An AGM is held each year to which all full individual members are invited.

BISA also welcomes membership applications from UG and PG students of International Studies and related fields as well as those working in policy, journalism, development and related fields. Student membership does not qualify for voting rights.

BISA introduced both an Institutional and free school membership category in 2019. New members have been admitted into these categories since 2021.

As of 31 March 2026, the total number of BISA members reached 1530 of which 631 were student members.

BISA has set a membership increase target of 2% per year while acknowledging that there are a finite number of potential members. This is estimated at approximately 2000 members. BISA's long term aim is for the majority of UK International Studies academics as well as others working in related fields to be members of the Association.

Communication with Members

The Association communicates regularly with its members as well as the general public. Having invested heavily in a new website, membership database and conference system in 2019 and with the appointment of a full-time communications manager in June 2019, BISA has been able to roll out an annual communications strategy through different channels including the website, monthly e-newsletter and through social media including X, Bluesky, Facebook, Linkedin and for the first time Tiktok.

Trustees, Governance and Management

The trustees plus the Director (CEO) and any co-opted members constitute the Executive Committee of BISA who meet four times a year. Since the pandemic meetings have mostly been held virtually and this has proved to be a more inclusive and successful method of meeting as well as cost effective. In 2025/26 this set up was used for three of the four trustee meetings.

Under clause 13 of the constitution, the trustees and any officer positions which they hold are elected from amongst the BISA membership. The four officers plus the Director/CEO make up the core governance team.

Under clause 14(6) of the constitution an elected trustee serves for up to two years, the Chair and Vice Chair up to two years and the Secretary, Treasurer up to three years. Appointments commence on 1 August of each year. BISA welcomed new trustees - Professor Victoria Basham as Vice Chair, Professor Andrew Dorman as Treasurer, and Dr James Hagen as EDI officer. Returning trustees included Professor Juanita Elias as BISA's new Chair and Dr Nick Caddick, Dr Una McGahern, Professor Simon Rushton and Dr Marianna Charountaki as ordinary trustees – all for their second terms.

The Executive Committee also includes some co-opted members. They are invited to observe and participate in debate in a non-voting capacity as required. BISA had four co-opted members in 2025/26 including the Director/ CEO, Juliet Dryden, Dr Nicholas Wright representing the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Konstantinos Manakos (Northumbria), Chair of the Postgraduate Network and Dan Aylward as Treasurer who completed his term on 1 August 2025.

Appointments to the elected positions of the Executive Committee is determined through an electronic ballot of all members which is advertised widely. The electronic ballet was conducted as usual in May 2025.

New trustees are sent a welcome pack by the CEO/Director, outlining their responsibilities as charity trustees on the commencement of their post. If they have been appointed to a particular position, a description of duties is also included. The Director follows this up with a 1:1 Introductory induction session to get new trustees up to speed in time for the first meeting of the year.

All trustees who served between April 2025 and March 2026 are listed in the introductory section of this report. No trustee received any remuneration for their services.

BISA Sub-Committees / Task and Finish Groups

The Chair, in her first year, continued to prioritise the defence of the social sciences while embedding EDI into BISA activities. As well as these ongoing priorities she set up three task and finish groups as follows:

- Internationalisation Group – to explore ways to maximise international participation in BISA activities, focusing on opportunities presented by the 2027 virtual conference.
- BISA at 50 Group – to develop and set up activities and events in celebration of BISA's 50th anniversary.
- Policy and Outreach Group – to consider how BISA can better support research impact and public engagement in international affairs

The role of volunteers

In common with most organisations in the charitable sector, the Association relies heavily on the time and effort of volunteers. These are usually students or academics who have an interest in running the Association's undergraduate and postgraduate networks, assisting with the organisation of working groups, assisting with the organisation of the annual conference, volunteering on editorial boards of BISA publications, sitting on award committees and assisting with the general running of BISA. In addition, all trustees are unpaid volunteers. BISA would not be able to fulfil its charitable activities without the commitment and dedication of these individuals.

Wider Networks

BISA is a learned society member of the Academy of Social Science (AcSS). The Academy offers the Association a very important joint voice with other social science learned societies both within the UK and Europe. BISA is also a member of the Society Publishers' Coalition (SocPC). The Society offers the Association an important joint voice with other learned societies particularly related to open access publication issues. The BISA Director attends meetings of both the AcSS and SocPC as well as meetings at the British Academy, ESRC and AHRC when necessary.

Key partnerships

BISA has no formal partnerships. The closest partner in the United Kingdom in terms of BISA's mission and interests is the Political Studies Association (PSA) and there is much cross over of members who work in Departments of Politics and International Relations throughout the UK and further afield. BISA liaises with the PSA on common areas of concern such as the REF, Heads of Department meetings, Research Director meetings and joint advocacy on behalf of the discipline such as the joint British Academy Disciplinary Analysis of Politics and International Relations which was published in January 2025.

The Director also regularly meets with UACES and ECPR to talk about issues of mutual concern. BISA continues to partner with the Foreign, Commonwealth, & Development Office (FCDO) on its model student NATO exercise, Chatham House on its model student Climate Simulations and the British Foreign Policy Group (BFPG) on its undergraduate network. We also partner with the British Council on a 'New Voices in International Relations' prize for the best UK wide Masters Dissertation. We continue to look for similar partnerships for other aspects of our work.

BISA's closest international partners are the International Studies Association (ISA), based in the United States, the World international Studies Association (WISC) and the European International Studies Association (EISA). Since January 2019, the BISA Director/CEO has prioritised furthering these partnerships. The Director has attended meetings with all these sister associations over the years. In Oct 2025, BISA and ISA held joint workshops in Newcastle, UK attended by 261 delegates from 37 different countries from across the world. In March 2026, BISA sponsored several panels/roundtables at the ISA convention in Columbus, Ohio. It is hoped that similar arrangements can be made with EISA in 2027 furthering our partnerships and cooperation.

Public Benefit

BISA is primarily an educational charity, and in preparing this report, the trustees confirm that they have paid close attention to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, as set out in its publication Charities and Public Benefit: the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit (January 2008, amended December 2011 and 2014 - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-benefit-rules-for-charities) and subsequent postings on the Public Benefit section of its website.

The Charities Act 2011 sets out the following, among others, as charitable purposes:

a. the advancement of education

a. the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage, or science

It also specifies a legal requirement 'that every organisation set up for one or more charitable aims must be able to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit if it is to be recognised, and registered, as a charity in England and Wales'. This is known as the public benefit requirement.

There are two key principles, both of which must be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit:

Principle 1: There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits.

Principle 2: Benefit must be to the public, or a section of the public.

The Association provides a benefit to the public by carrying out the activities listed in this report in accordance with its charitable objective of 'the advancement of education and other purposes as shall be exclusively charitable, including in particular …. the advancement of education in International Studies and related subjects.

As with other learned societies, public benefit derives not simply from membership of the Association but from a wider dissemination by the Association of knowledge about International Studies through the charity's research groups, networks, events, publications and information on its website at www.bisa.ac.uk as well as through social media platforms.

Equal Opportunities

The trustees and Director are committed to the principles of inclusiveness, tolerance and fairness. BISA is a diverse and inclusive environment and opposes all forms of discrimination. It provides its members with career development and treats all its members on the basis of merit and ability alone. To ensure there is consistency in the Association's approach, BISA created a new officer post of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead in December 2019 and subsequently produced an EDI strategy in 2020. An EDI Officer is appointed every two years and much work has been progressed in this area. Thanks to a generous AcSS grant during this period, work was completed on making BISA's website, its grants and its awards more accessbile.

Activities for the Public Benefit

BISA engages in a wide variety of activities with the aim of promoting the understanding and development of International Studies to the wider community. Most of our activities are open to both members and non-members. The Association produces a number of publications, organises a large number of events – both virtual and face-to-face through its working groups, its postgraduate and undergraduate network and directly via BISA such as its virtual and face to face conferences. It also holds student focussed events throughout the year such as a Model NATO and a climate simulation. The Association also recognizes excellence within the discipline through awards, provides funding opportunities for its members, and encourages networking opportunities.

1. Publications

The Association produces a number of publications. As well as two very well-regarded journals and a book series, BISA produces a monthly e-newsletter, articles, news stories and blogs written by both members and non-members for its website. It also makes available reports and publications from other organisations such as the AcSS, the British Academy and the Society Publishers' Coalition.

1a *Review of International Studies* (RIS)

RIS is the flagship journal of BISA, published 6 times a year (plus a special issue) by Cambridge University Press, and during this time period the journal was on its 51/52st volume (2025/26). RIS publishes cutting edge research on International Studies with the aim of initiating or leading contemporary debates in the discipline.

RIS is committed to improving the diversity of its authors, reviewers and editorial board members. RIS will continue on this trajectory and improve the proportion of submissions and published articles by authors from underrepresented groups.

The RIS editorial team is appointed by the Executive Committee for a four-year term and reports annually to the BISA Executive, which tracks key performance indicators. In January 2024, a new editorial team took over under the editorships of Professor Andrew Hom from the University of Edinburgh, Professor Soumita Basa, South Asian University, India and Professor Cian O'Driscoll from the Australian National University.

Review of International Studies had a 2025 2 year impact factor of 3.1(down from 3.7 in 2024). This placed it 27/ 173 in international relation journals.

More detail can be found at: https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/review-of-international-studies

1b *European Journal of International Security* (EJIS)

EJIS was launched in January 2016 and is published four times a year by Cambridge University Press. During this time period the journal was on its 10/11th volume (2025/26). It seeks to publish theoretical, methodological and empirical papers at the cutting edge of security research.

The EJIS editorial team is appointed for a four-year term in the same manner as RIS and reports annually to the Executive Committee whilst retaining independent editorial control of content. In January 2024, a new editorial team took over led by Professor Andrew Mumford from the University of Nottingham.

Since September 2024, EJIS has been fully open access. In 2025 it received a 2 year impact factor of 1.7 (down from 2.5 in June 2023) . This placed it 77/169 in international relation journals.

More detail can be found at: https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/european-journal-of-international-security

1c Cambridge Studies in International Relations

The book series is a joint initiative between BISA and Cambridge University Press. Established in 1985, it publishes three to four books per year. The series now includes over 150 books and publishes the best new scholarship in International Studies, irrespective of subject matter, methodological approach or theoretical perspective.

The current editorial board consists of Professors Evelyn Goh, Christian Reus-Smit, and Nicholas J. Wheeler.

More detail can be found at: https://www.cambridge.org/core/series/cambridge-studies-in-international-relations/AE22F4B38EBA54D9E08E02BD22C39E05

1d Publication Contracts

Journals: BISA has been in contract with Cambridge University Press since 1989. The most recent journal contracts have been from 2006-2011, 2011-2017 and 2016-2022. After a competitive tendering process, BISA was pleased to appoint CUP for a further 5 years in January 2023 taking us up to Dec 2028.

Book Series: BISA has been in contract with CUP since 1985. The most recent book series contract was signed in January 2014 with various appendums renewing the terms of the contract. A new appendum was signed in Dec 2024 for a further three years taking us up to Dec 2027.

The BISA Executive Committee and Director are satisfied with BISA's relationship with Cambridge University Press and values the expertise and quality of support CUP gives to the editors and the BISA team and to the publications themselves.

2. Working Groups, Networks and Events

2a. Working group events

Working groups are at the core of the Association's remit and BISA has traditionally had a healthy mix of research interests which represent the wide and diverse nature of the discipline. Members are free to join working groups that match their areas of expertise or interests.

Working groups are monitored closely by BISA each year to ensure they reach a certain level of activity in keeping with BISA guidelines. They are expected to put on events, participate in the annual conferences and keep their website sections updated. While most working groups are long established, trustees are fully aware that research interests change over time as is in keeping with a strong and evolving discipline. As such, new working groups are approved and others occasionally closed down each year.

In 2025/26, 26 BISA working groups were approved each with their own members and specializing in their own areas of International Studies. They were as follows:

1. Africa and International Studies
b. Astropolitics
c. Colonial, Postcolonial & Decolonial
d. Contemporary Research on International Political Theory
e. Critical Alternatives for World Politics
f. Critical Military Studies
g. Critical Studies on Terrorism
h. East Europe and Eurasian Studies (formally Russia and Eurasia Security)
i. Emotions in Politics and International Relations
j. Environment and Climate Politics
k. Ethics and World Politics
10. European Security
11. Foreign Policy
12. Gendering International Relations
13. Global Health
14. Global Nuclear Order
15. Global Politics and Development
16. International Law and Politics
17. International Political Economy
18. International Studies and Emerging Technologies
19. International Studies or the Mediterranean, Middle East and Asia
20. Peacekeeping, Peacebuilding and Human Rights
21. Security Policy and Practice
22. South-East Europe
23. US Foreign Policy
24. War Studies

Two working groups were moved to conference only track groups. These were

- International Politics of Migration, Refugees and Diaspora
- Learning and Teaching

Each working group is led by a minimum of two volunteer conveners elected or appointed from within the BISA and working group membership. Conveners must agree to follow BISA's Code of Conduct, Privacy Standard, and Conflict of Interest Policy, and adhere to strict working group guidance.

Conveners may apply for BISA funding twice a year. Applications must give clear outlines of proposed activities accompanied by a proposed budget and must demonstrate how meeting 'In person' is of benefit if applying for in person events.

Virtual and face to face events in the form of lectures, roundtables and workshops are open to both members and non-members with the aim of further promoting and developing International Studies research for the public benefit. In 2025/26 89 online and face to face events were put on by the Association.

2b. Network events

Postgraduae network (PGN):

The PGN is comprised of postgraduate and early career research members. At the end of March 2026, there were 522 PGN members. Student membership remains the fastest growing area of membership to BISA. The PGN is chaired by a non-voting member of the BISA Executive and elected from within its membership. In 2025/26, Konstantinos Manakos, a PhD student from Northumbria University took on this role.

The PGN traditionally conducts five major activities throughout the year although this can differ with each new chair.

- Meet the Editors
- Meet the Publishers
- Funding Competition
- PGN Annual Conference
- Elections for the following year

In 2025-26, the PGN held a series of professional development events, workshops and a successful in person conference.

Undergraduate Network (UGN):

A new UG network in partnership with the British Foreign Policy Group (BFPG), a small foreign policy think tank based in Westminster, was launched in October 2026. The network was desined exclusively for UGs who are interested in international relations, diplomacy and foreign policy. It aim is to provide a space for UGs to hear directly fro experts working in international affairs, gain insights into real-world foreign policy challenges and build connections with students from across the UK HE landscape. Run by a committee of UGs, it held five events over the coarse of the year and attracted over 100 members by year's end.

2c. Annual Conference and Workshops

BISA held its 50^{h} Annual Conference from 18-20 June 2025 in Belfast. This was the largest conference in BISA's history with a record number of registrations and panels. 1217 registered participants enjoyed over 342 panels and roundtables over three days. These included a keynote lecture by Professor Roland Bleiker on 'Seeing and Sensing World Politics', a public lecture by Professor Cynthia Enloe on 'What feminists reveal when they investigate masculinities. The case of military manpower' and a special 50th anniversary discussion on '50 years of BISA and History(ies) of International Thinking' with a selection of former BISA Chairs. Alongside the academic conference, an exhibitor fair showcased the latest academic publications from the world's leading publishers and think tanks.

Prior to the annual conference, BISA put on a day of professional workshops for post graduate students and early career scholars on topics such as surviving your PhD, becoming a lecturer, publishing an article or book as well as a look at careers from outside academia led by policy and humanitarian experts. Those leading the workshops give their advice and expertise without remuneration.

We aim to provide a fair and equal opportunity to those presenting their academic research at our conferences. It is also an opportunity to create networking opportunities and promote the understanding and development of the discipline to the wider public. Our conferences are also designed to bring in sufficient income to not only cover conference costs but to fund further research activities for the following year. This was achieved in 2025-26.

2d. BISA-ISA Inauguaral Workshops

From 10 – 12 October 2025, BISA-ISA joined forces to put on a two day workshop in Newcastle under the theme ' Transforming the International: Scholarship and Solidarity in a World of Inequalities'. Topics covered included social and climate justice, decolonizing knowledge, human rights, peacebuilding, structural violence and transnational solidarity. The workshop was attended by 261 delegates from 37 different countries.

2e.Other

BISA held a number of other well attended events during this period. These raised awareness and interest in International Relations amongst students, faculty, policy makers and the wider public and adds to BISA's remit as a public benefit provider.

- a series of Head of Department meetings
- a series of Research Director meetings
- a forum for post-92 universities to come together
- a methods training conference in collaboration with Southampton Universiy
- a UK student led Climate Change simulation event in partnership with Chatham House– Dec 2025
- a UK student led NATO model exercise in partnership with the FCDO – Feb 2026
- a 'policy lab' bringing a small group of academics and policy makers together to discuss AI and Governance under the Chatham House rule

2f. Future Events

- 51th annual conference in Brighton - June 2026
- The BISA virtual conference – Jan 2027
- Methods Training Conference in collaboration with SOAS
- Climate Change Simulation event with Chatham House – 16 Nov 2026
- Model NATO event with the FCDO – Feb 2027

3. Awards and Prizes

Each year the Association awards a range of academic prizes related to outstanding books, journal articles, PhD and MA dissertations, teaching, learning and career achievements, EDI recognition, working group prizes and a distinguished lifetime scholar prize.

These awards are presented at the BISA annual conference. In June 2025 the following scholars and students were awarded prizes.

- The BISA Distinguished Contribution Award 2025 awarded to Professor Peter Newell (Sussex).
- The Susan Strange Best Book Prize 2025 awarded to Shirin M. Rai (SOAS) for *Depletion: The Human Costs of Caring* (OUP)
- L.H.M.Ling Outstanding First Book Prize 2025 awarded to Farhana Afrin Rahman (Cambridge) for *After the Exodus: Gender and Belongin in Bangladesh's Rohingya Refugee Camps* (CUP)
- The Michael Nicholson Thesis Prize 2025 awarded to Natasja Rupesinghe (Oxford) for *Community Responses to Jihadist Mobilisation in Central Mali*
- New Voices in Cultural Relations Prize 2025 awarded to Zoha Siddiqui (Queens University Belfast) for *Motherhood-Based Advocacy for Transitional Justice in Northern Ireland*
- The Review of International Studies Best Article Award 2025 awarded to Uygar Baspehlivan (Bristol) for *Theorizing the memescape: the spatial politics of internet memes.* RIS 50(1): 35-57
- *Award for Distinguished Excellence in Teaching International Studies 2025 awarded to Erin Hanna (KCL and University of Western Ontario)*
- Award for Early Career Excellence in Teaching International Studies 2025 awarded to Alice Finden and Kavi Abraham (Durham University)
- Award for Postgraduate Excellence in Teaching International Studies 2025 - not awarded this year.
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Prize 2025 jointly awarded to Jessica Northey (Coventry) for Leadership and Mentoring and a number of associated initiatives and Toni Haastrup, Andreja Zevnik and Meghan Tinsley (Manchester) for the Decolonial Praxis Project
- Working Group of the Year Prize 2025 awarded to the Critical Studies on Terrorism (CST) working group. The convenors were Alice Finden, Durham University, Amna Kaleem, University of Sheffield, Rabea Khan, Liverpool John Moores University

All nominations for these awards are sought from the BISA membership and the academic publishing community and considered by distinguished award committees chaired by a member of the BISA Executive Committee.

In addition, BISA puts forward nominations for Fellowships of the Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS) twice a year. These nominees represent scholars who BISA feels have substantially contributed to the wider social sciences, to policy and to practice, going beyond the normal requirements of their position.

Nominations were sought from the membership and agreed at Executive level. In April 2025 five candidates were put forward and received AcSS fellowships. In addition, another two BISA members received fellowships independently. They were as follows

Professor Kyle Grayson (Newcastle)
Professor Jonathan Havercroft (Glasgow)
Professor Peter Newell (Sussex)
Professor James Patterson (Manchester)
Professor Oliver Richmond (Manchester)
Professor Victoria Squire (Warwick)
Professor Marysia Zalewski (Cardiff)

4. Funding Opportunities

4a. Early Career Research Grants

This fund totals £12,000 and is available to early career researchers working in academic posts wanting to carry out a small research project. In 2025-26 four grants of up to £3000 were made.

Anna Katila	City St George's	Framing Sámi Experiences: Narrative Construction of Discriminatior Truth & Reconciliation Commission in Finland
Hannah Owens	Hertforshire	Locating the Rural in International Aid Work
Robert Ralston	Birmingham	The Consequences of Narratives of Decline on Foreign Po Preferences
Nican Alici	Derby	Understanding Disasters and Justice in Diyarbakir, Turkey

4b. Learning and Teaching Grants

These grants of up to £3,000 each are to conduct a discreet piece of research related to pedagogy/teaching. In 2025- 26 one award was made.

Chris Featherstone	York	Tracking the Teaching Track: Investigating experiences of T&S Staff in Politics a

4c. AspIRing Scholars Fund

The AspIRing Scholars Fund was set up during this period to accept donations with the aim of supporting the next generation of PhD students and early-career researchers in International Studies whether this be via research funds of assistance to help attend conferences/workshops etc. The fund is to be administered by trustees as and when the need arises. This replaces the Founders Fund.

b. Research and Impact

BISA's journals, book series, events and 26 working groups continue to produce and share research far beyond the boundaries of the Association.

BISA is activily involved in the REF2029 process monitoring, engaging and providing upddiates to its membership and wider Internaitonal Studies community.

Financial Management

The financial management of BISA is undertaken by the Treasurer and Director/CEO in liaison with other members of the Executive Committee. The Director has operational responsibility to ensure that any financial strategy agreed by the Executive Committee is carried out.

Provision of information to the external examiner

Each of the trustees of the Association (who are also directors of BISA for the purposes of company law) at the time this report was approved has confirmed that:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the company's independent examiner (Gravita audit) is unaware
- That all steps that ought to have been taken as directors have been carried out and given to the independent examiner

Income from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Total income during this period was **£568,069** against a budgeted amount of £536,434. This compared to income of £531,694 in the previous year.

Total expenditure during this period was **£517,555** against a budgeted amount of 610,704. This compared to expenditure of £535,992 in the previous year.

See Financial Assessment below for further details.

All trustees gave their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. In accordance with BISA's Conflict of Interest policy, trustees are required to withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

Reserves and Investment Policy

BISA's reserve and investment policy and the level of reserves are reviewed each year by the Executive Committee having regard to the Charity Commission's publication CC19, 'Charity Reserves: Building Resilience' (January 2016) and a forecast of income and expenditure is prepared for the following year.

The policy ensures that BISA maintains a sufficient level of resources determined as £260,000 in 2025-26 to enable normal operating activities to continue for a period of up to 12 months should a major and unforeseen shortfall in income occur.

The trustees have also committed to ensuring that BISA's funds are used appropriately, lawfully and in accordance with BISA's charitable objectives. The general principle is that funds received as income should be spent within a reasonable period of receipt. The holding of reserves in this context is permitted in order to allow for circumstances that would result in a major loss of income.

Financial Assessment

Current Position and Plans for the Future: After a major financial overhaul in 2019-20, BISA has been able to monitor its finances carefully and with confidence with quarterly management accounts prepared by our accountants. This has ensured that costs are kept as close to budget as possible.

The 2025-26 YE audited accounts showed a profit of £50,514, the first time profit has been made for 10 years. This was against a forecasted loss of £74,270.

Although this is good news, the Trustees and the Director are fully aware that there are significant challenges ahead. Not only are there many uncertainties in the research and higher education sectors in the UK but more generally in the economy with recent high inflation and the cost of living crisis. We also face the unknown impact of current proposed changes in relation to academic publication practices and the growth of open access under 'read and publish' deals.

BISA will continue to monitor and engage pro-actively with these developments and work with other stakeholders in order to protect our core mission and our members' interests. We feel confident that our new financial systems, new website overhaul and other initiatives of the past few year, including several income generation activities will help to reduce this annual deficit and bring benefits to the Association in the long term.

Structure, governance and management

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Professor Kyle Grayson - Chair (up to July 2025)	
Professor Juanita Elias - Vice Chair (up to July 2025) and Chair (from August 2025)	
Professor Victoria Basham - Vice Chair	(Appointed 1 August 2025)
Professor Helena Farrand Carrapico (Secretary)	
Professor Andrew Dorman - Treasurer (from August 2025)	(Appointed 1 August 2025)
Dr Jamie Hagen - EDI Lead	(Appointed 1 August 2025)
Dr Nick Caddick	
Dr Marianna Charountaki	
Professor Timothy Edmunds	
Professor Jack Holland	
Professor Lee Jarvis	(Resigned 31 July 2025)
Dr Laura McLeod - EDI Officer (up to July 2025)	(Resigned 31 July 2025)
Dr Una McGahern	
Dr Geoffrey Swenson	
Professor Simon Rushton	
Professor Ilan Baron	
Professor Andrew Neal	(Appointed 1 August 2026)
Dr Alice Finden	(Appointed 1 August 2026)
Professor Patricia Owens	(Appointed 1 August 2026)
Dr Chris Rossdale	(Appointed 1 August 2026)
Dr Holly Eva Ryan	(Appointed 1 August 2026)

The financial management of BISA is undertaken by the Chair, the Director and the Treasurer in liaison with other members of the Executive Committee. The Director has operational responsibility to ensure that any financial strategy agreed by the Executive Committee is carried out.

The trustees report was approved by the trustees on the 11 September 2026.

Juanita Elias
.....
Professor Juanita Elias
BISA Chair and Trustee
Augut 2025 - June 2027
Date: 11 September 2026.....

Juliet Dryden
.....
Juliet Dryden
BISA Director/CEO

Date: 11 September 2026.....

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION
(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION - CIO)
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 Trustees 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 year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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.

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION
(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION - CIO)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of British International Studies Association (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Robert Kirtland FCA
Gravita Audit Oxford LLP
First Floor, Park Central
40-41 Park End Street
Oxford
OX1 1JD
Date: 14/9/2026

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION
(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION - CIO)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Income from:					
Donations & Memberships	**3**	109,469	1,376	110,845	102,819
Charitable activities	**4**	457,224	-	457,224	428,850
Other trading activities	**5**	-	-	-	25
Total income		566,693	1,376	568,069	531,694
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	**6**	17,949	-	17,949	22,109
Charitable activities	**7**	499,606	-	499,606	513,883
Total expenditure		517,555	-	517,555	535,992
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		49,138	1,376	50,514	(4,298)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 April 2025		312,946	-	312,946	317,244
Fund balances at 31 March 2026		362,084	1,376	363,460	312,946

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION
(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION - CIO)
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	**13**		21,967		-
Tangible assets	**14**		1,036		-
			23,003		-
Current assets					
Debtors	**15**	37,428		36,213	
Cash at bank and in hand		636,473		611,857	
		673,901		648,070	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(333,444)		(335,124)	
Net current assets			340,457		312,946
Total assets less current liabilities			363,460		312,946
The funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	**17**		1,376		-
Unrestricted funds			362,084		312,946
			363,460		312,946

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11 September 2026

Juanita Elias
.....

Professor Juanita Elias - Vice Chair (up to July 2025) and Chair (from August 2025)
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

British International Studies Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The registered office is University Of Birmingham Room 650, 6th Floor, Muirhead Tower, Birmingham, B15 2TT.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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 (FRS 102)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements 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 the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but 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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the Charity’s purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

1.4 Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the Charity: it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted. Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Charity apportioned to charitable activities.

- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the Charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

1.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Website	10 years straight line

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Equipment	25% reducing balance

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity’s contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.11 Retirement benefits

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

2 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 where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

Depreciation

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets is calculated over the useful economic lives of the assets. During the year ended 31 March 2026, depreciation totalled £1,997.

Amortisation

Amortisation of intangible fixed assets is calculated over the useful economic lives of the assets. During the year ended 31 March 2026, depreciation totalled £214.

3 Income from donations & memberships

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Donations and gifts	-	1,376	1,376	-
Membership fees	109,469	-	109,469	102,819
	109,469	1,376	110,845	102,819

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
CUP - RIS	105,369	115,518
Publications	1,533	1,245
Book Series Royalties	2,715	3,682
Annual Conference	209,739	198,350
Conference Exhibitors	68,206	20,529
Other income	69,662	89,526
	457,224	428,850

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Fundraising events	-	25

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Sister Association Partnerships	7,143	14,015
General expenses	10,806	8,094
	17,949	22,109

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2026	Unrestricted Funds 2025
	£	£
Direct costs		
Conference	128,023	166,561
Working Groups	12,439	17,364
Publications	45,000	43,500
	185,462	227,425
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Support	304,344	277,468
Governance	9,800	8,990
	499,606	513,883
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	499,606	513,883

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2026	Support costs	Governance costs	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	229,944	-	229,944	214,583	-	214,583
Depreciation	2,211	-	2,211	-	-	-
Communications & IT	15,141	-	15,141	15,028	-	15,028
General Office	9,059	-	9,059	9,591	-	9,591
Finance Costs	45,510	-	45,510	38,029	-	38,029
Travel & Subsistence	2,479	-	2,479	237	-	237
Independent examination fees	-	2,700	2,700	-	2,625	2,625
Legal and Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	131	131
Accountancy Fees	-	7,100	7,100	-	6,234	6,234
	304,344	9,800	314,144	277,468	8,990	286,458
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	304,344	9,800	314,144	277,468	8,990	286,458

9 Net movement in funds

	2026	2025
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,700	2,625
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	214	-
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,997	-

10 Trustees

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the Charity or a related entity were received by the Trustees.

The total amount of employee benefits related to key management personnel is £97,269 (2025: £83,841). The Association considers its key management personnel to comprise the Trustees and the senior management team.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2026	2025
	Number	Number
Staff directly paid by the Association	4	4

Employment costs	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	187,127	173,707
Social security costs	13,218	13,146
Other pension costs	29,599	27,730
	229,944	214,583

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2026	2025
	Number	Number
£80,001 - £90,000	-	1
£90,001 - £100,000	1	-

Other pension costs include the charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes.

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

13 Intangible fixed assets

	Website
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2025	-
Additions - separately acquired	23,964
At 31 March 2026	23,964
Amortisation and impairment	
At 1 April 2025	-
Amortisation charged for the year	1,997
At 31 March 2026	1,997
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2026	21,967
At 31 March 2025	-

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2025	-
Additions	1,250
At 31 March 2026	1,250
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2025	-
Depreciation charged in the year	214
At 31 March 2026	214
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2026	1,036
At 31 March 2025	-

15 Debtors

	2026	2025
Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	**£**
Trade debtors	-	2,512
Prepayments and accrued income	37,428	33,701
	37,428	36,213

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	**£**
Other taxation and social security	16,563	28,457
Trade creditors	1,050	-
Credit Card	1,605	1,606
Accruals and deferred income	314,226	305,061
	333,444	335,124

17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2025	Incoming resources	At 31 March 2026
	£	**£**	**£**
The Aspiring Scholars Fund	-	1,376	1,376

The Aspiring Scholars Fund is designed to empower the next generation of early-career researchers and PhD students by supporting research – whether this be via research grants or funding to attend conferences and or workshops.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Restricted funds 2026	Total 2026
	£	**£**	**£**
At 31 March 2026:			
Intangible fixed assets	21,967	-	21,967
Tangible assets	1,036	-	1,036
Current assets/(liabilities)	339,081	1,376	340,457
	362,084	1,376	363,460

18 Analysis of net assets between funds **(Continued)**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 March 2025:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	312,946	-	312,946
	312,946	-	312,946

19 Related party transactions

During the year, two trustees donated a total of £60 to The Aspiring Scholars Fund (2025 - none).