THE LIFT AND ESCALATOR SYMPOSIUM EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Registered Charity 1170947

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 2025

The Trustees are pleased to report that the Charity continues to achieve its aim to advance education in lift, escalator and related technologies.

We were very pleased to achieve charitable status with the Charity Commission in January 2017.

The Charity continues to enjoy a healthy relationship with the Lift & Escalator Industry Association (LEIA), University of Northampton (UoN) and the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE). The collaboration of these organisations helps make the symposia internationally recognised as the highest-quality provider of educational papers in the world.

Regretfully, the relationship with the University of Northampton is coming to a close as they withdraw courses appropriate to our host industry.

Since inception we have held sixteen very successful symposia. Two were held online due to the COVID pandemic. We held nine at Highgate House Conference Centre in Northampton over a two-day period, and a further symposium in Hong Kong in 2018. In 2022, after losing Highgate House, which closed as a conference venue, we moved to the Hilton Hotel, Northampton, where we also held the 2023 event. In 2024, the Trustees decided to move to the Kettering Park Hotel, which was also our venue for 2025.

Our 2025 symposium was an in-person event over two days and was at full capacity. The audience received a wide range of presentations on lift and escalator technologies. Delegates came from all around the globe, with many different countries represented.

We intend to hold another symposium in Kettering in 2026. This will be our 17th Symposium.

In order to promote education, the proceedings of the symposia are made available free of charge on our website. In addition, the lift and escalator industry global trade press supported our symposium by promoting the event, publishing a post-event report, and publishing a number of the presented papers.

The UK-based trade publication, Lift Industry News, continues to publish papers from the symposium as part of its “Knowledge Bank”.

The lift & escalator online library, which was launched in 2021, continues to be a success. This is a library where papers can be located for the purposes of research and/or subject

matter interest. We are currently upgrading the library's digital infrastructure to support its growing catalogue and improve its search facilities.

On the basis of the forgoing, the Trustees are delighted to report that the Charity continues to achieve its aims.

Financial Summary

The Charity's financial position remains stable, with reserves held for the purpose of sustaining future operations and events. The Trustees use part of these reserves to enhance the accessibility of educational resources through the lift & escalator online library and to support attendance at conferences for those who cannot afford the fees.

Structure, Governance, and Management

The Lift and Escalator Symposium Educational Trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Trustees are selected in accordance with the constitution.

Reference and Administrative Details

- Charity name: The Lift and Escalator Symposium Educational Trust
- Registered charity number: 1170947
- Principal address: Bridge House, Station Approach, Great Missenden, HP16 9AZ

Trustees

Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity during the year:

1. David Cooper (Chairman)
2. Stefan Kaczmarczyk
3. Nicholas Mellor (Treasurer)
4. Richard Peters

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

David Cooper
Chairman

25 October 2026

LIFT & ESCALATOR SYMPOSIUM TRUST

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 December 2025

INCOME

Donations	£10,110.00
Interest	£43.62
Total	**£10,153.62**

EXPENDITURE

Banking	£65.80
Staff	£4,165.94
Insurance	£389.32
Total	**£4,621.06**
Income – expenditure	£5,532.56
Balance brought forward from previous year	**£59,302.10**
Balance carried forward	**£64,834.66**

Notes

Peters Research acts as an events organiser for the Trust on a non-profit basis. The event surplus is donated to the Trust as recorded in these accounts.