Registered Charity No. 1210277

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2025

This report constitutes the first report of the Charity. All functions and assets were transferred from charity number 287214 ('The Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain') at the end of 2024.

The aim of the Society is to promote, for the public benefit, the advancement and teaching of philosophy of education.

Structure and Governance

The Society's affairs and activities are managed by a Board of 12 Trustees. The Board of Trustees met four times during 2025. The March meeting was held in person and the other three meetings were held online via Zoom. The AGM was also held in person at its scheduled time in March 2025. 446 members were listed in the Society's register as of March 2026.

The Society has six committees: Conference, Journal, Development, Grants, Inclusion and Communications. Chairs of these committees are members of the Board of Trustees. The Chair of the Conference Committee is elected by the membership. The Chair of the Journal Committee is the Executive Editor, who is appointed by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation a search committee. The Chairs of the other committees are appointed by the Board of Trustees following a call for volunteers from the membership.

Other Trustees are elected by the membership. These include: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and two elected representatives without portfolio.

The Society also has an Advisory Board composed of its vice-presidents and chaired by the President. The Advisory Board meets twice a year; the March meeting is held jointly with the Board of Trustees.

Administration

The Society contracts an association management company to provide a range of administrative services, including servicing the AGM and the meetings of the Board of Trustees, Advisory Board and the Development Committee. They also maintain the membership list, handle member communications, manage day-to-day finances, maintain the website, and handle delegate registrations and submissions for the Annual Conference and other conferences, as agreed. Since December 2009, these services have been provided by SAS Event Management. The contract is reviewed every three years.

Sources of income
Members pay an annual membership fee, which varies according to their employment and financial status; there are concessionary rates for students and other unwaged members as well as overseas members not in receipt of Western incomes. The Society's principal source of income is the revenue and royalties it receives for the *Journal of Philosophy of Education*, published by Oxford University Press.

Oxford University Press also usually provides sponsorship for delegate packs and the keynote speakers' expenses at the conference, for which the Society is grateful.

Conferences
The Annual Conference was held from 28th to 30th March at New College, Oxford.

The Society's HEI-based branches hold both in-person and online seminars and events in support of its aims and objectives. Some online events are recorded and made available via the Society's YouTube channel.

Members and officers of the Society remain actively involved in other learned societies and their conferences, namely the Association for Moral Education (AME), British Educational Research Association (BERA), the European Educational Research Association (EERA), International Network of Philosophers of Education (INPE), the Society for Research in Higher Education (SRHE), and the US Philosophy of Education Society (PES).

Grants and Awards
The Society's Grant Schemes are open to applicants who have been a member of the Society for at least one year and are awarded to members to assist them in the pursuit of research and other activities that further the aims of the Society. The Society awards Large Grants in the categories of research grants, doctoral studentships, seminar series grants and miscellaneous grants; research grants are currently administered via the British Academy/Leverhulme Trust. Small Grants support attendance at non-PESGB conferences and small-scale collaborative activities that align with the Society's aims. The Society also offers bursaries to educators working outside HEIs and teacher-educators to attend the annual conference.

£56,242 of grant funding was awarded in 2025.

Journal and Communication
The *Journal of Philosophy of Education* continues to grow, and the Society is grateful to the Editorial Team for its ongoing hard work. The Journal is overseen by an Executive Editor, supported by three co-Editors, a team of Assistant Editors, and further Editorial Board members.

The Journal is published by Oxford University Press.

Online subscription to the journal is included in the cost of Society membership, and hard copies may be purchased by members for an additional fee. The Journal is also available in more than 4,000 libraries around the world through paid access, and in around 7,000 more through philanthropic initiatives (free or very low-cost). The Journal

is a hybrid publication, with approximately 45% of its content available Open Access.

The Society also publishes the open-access, policy-focused IMPACT series.

Website

The Society's website (www.philosophy-of-education.org) provides details of the Society's structure, governance, and history; conferences and events; membership; grants; book reviews and publications; resources for students and teachers; and links to other relevant external organisations and sites. The Society also communicates its activities via Facebook, Bluesky, and LinkedIn. The Society produces an Annual Newsletter, published online, that summarises its activities for the year.

Regional Branch Activity

The Society has 22 regional branches at All-Ireland, Bath and Bristol, Bedford, Birmingham, Cambridge, Devon and Cornwall, Durham, Edinburgh, Hertfordshire, London, Netherlands and Flanders, North-West, Nottingham, Oxford, Roehampton, Sheffield, Southeast, South Wales, Strathclyde-Glasgow, Warwick, Winchester, Yorkshire, as well as a Virtual Branch. Branches continue to convene in-person events but also hold online or hybrid events due to the accessibility benefits they offer.

Agreed by Board of Trustees: 27/3/26

Ratified by the membership: 28/3/26

Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN (CHARITY NO. 287214)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

D Johnson FCCA

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Dated:

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

2024			£	£	£
		Income			
	12,396	Subscriptions received			11,504
	1,440	JOPE Subscriptions			1,050
	6,653	Bank Interest			5,633
	197,143	Royalties			186,650
	734	Miscellaneous			1,192
	218,366				206,029
		Expenditure			
90,107		Conference expenses	124,241		
(52,106)	38,001	Less: Conference receipts due	(67,374)	56,867	
	7,892	JOPE expenses		13,981	
	-	IMPACT expenses			
	7,127	Executive Committee and trustee expenses		5,652	
	317	Telephone, printing, postage and stationery		321	
	7,918	Branch meetings expenses		8,722	
	1,480	Bank charges		2,298	
	5,311	Website expenses		4,941	
	71,696	Grants		92,341	
	13,554	Summer School		12,398	
	2,215	Development Committee expenses		1,099	
	35,422	SAS expenses		36,779	
	1,320	Accountancy and Professional fees		1,356	
	5,300	Writing Retreat and F&GP Committee Expenses		9,488	
	13,118	Legal fees		2,875	
	1,271	Teacher bursary		-	
	1,044	Teacher scolarships		2,734	
	295	European Philosophy of Education Seminars		1,147	
	-	60th Anniversary celebrations		8,250	
	-	RS Peters Library		3,658	
	-	Office equipment depreciation		268	
	608	Miscellaneous		772	
	213,889				265,947
	4,477	**Surplus/(Deficit) for year**			(59,918)

PHILOSPHY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

2024			£	£
		Fixed Assets		
-		Office Equipment as at 01 January 2025	-	
-		Additions in Year	1,072	
			1,072	
-	-	Less Depreciation @ 25% (Straight Line)	268	804
		Current Assets		
124,983		Cash at Bank - Current Account	99,230	
448,915		Cash at Bank - Savings Account	402,549	
34		Trade Debtors	2,847	
-		Prepayments	200	
573,932			504,826	
		Less Current Liabilities		
17,312		Trade Creditors	9,271	
1,949		Sundry Creditors	1,949	
3,984		Membership Fees In Advance	3,605	
1,320		Accruals	1,356	
24,565			16,181	
	549,367	**Net Current Assets**		488,645
	549,367	**Total Assets**		489,449
		Financed by:		
	544,890	**Fund as at 01 January 2025**		549,367
	4,477	**Surplus/(Deficit) for year**		(59,918)
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Notes to the accounts for the year to 31 December 2025

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

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- and with the Charities Act.

1.2 Changes in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years

Note 2 Accounting policies

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Income from interest and royalties

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

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EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Office Equipment is depreciated at 25% straight line per anum

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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