

Charity Registration No. 314178

GARFIELD WESTON TRUST FOR ULSTER UNIVERSITY
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr E Mullan Mr J Bedford Mrs H Quigley Dr R I Peters Gallagher OBE (Chairperson) Mr J Hunter Prof M O'Neill
Charity number	314178
Registered office	Ulster University Cromore Road COLERAINE Co Londonderry BT52 1SA
Independent examiner	IDS Chartered Accountants LLP 23/25 Queen Street COLERAINE Co Londonderry BT52 1BG
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024.

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 trust's deed, 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).

Objectives and activities

The object of the Trust is the promotion of education and research at Ulster University throughout its four campuses. The Trustees welcome and encourage applications from faculties, administrative departments and the students' union for funding. The Trustees make awards from the Fund to suitable projects, while giving due regard to the following:

The extent to which the project, programme or event will assist the University and its aspirations to promote creativity and innovation through teaching, learning and research;

The extent to which the project, programme or event will contribute to the economic, social and cultural development of the community benefiting from the project; and

The extent to which the project, programme or event will assist the University in widening access to Higher Education.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the trust should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The Trust's ability to support worthy projects from staff and students is totally reliant on income accrued from the investment fund which is managed by LGT Wealth Management Limited.

The income from the fund for the year amounted to £77,220 (2023 - £71,712). The amount awarded to projects was £80,470 and unspent funds returned from projects were £10,565.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on page 6. The Trust returned net income of £208,971 (2023 net expenditure of - £302,150). At 5 April 2024 the total funds of the charity amounted to £3,014,884 (2023 - £2,805,913), comprised solely of general unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately twelve months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The Trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover support and governance costs.

Investment policy

The Fund is managed and implemented by an investment manager who is a signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment, as a sign of best practice in this area. The Trust prefers investments where active stewardship is applied to ensure the companies invested in protect the environment and promote diversity within the organization.

The Trust excludes direct investment in oil companies. It also has no investment in companies making more than 5% of their revenues from thermal coal, oil sands, shale oil and shale gas.

The Trust avoids investment in companies where more than 5% of their revenue is derived from gambling, tobacco production and tobacco supply. It also avoids investments in companies that derive more than 3% of their turnover from Adult Entertainment and companies that derive more than 5% of turnover from armaments.

The Trust avoids investment that may expose the charity to moderate, severe or very severe child labour breaches. It also avoids investments in companies with severe or very severe land use, biodiversity or toxic spill breaches.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Risk management

The Board of Trustees have reviewed the key risks facing the charity and have procedures to manage those risks.

Plans for future periods

The Trust will continue to seek opportunities to financially support suitable educational and research projects within the University's campuses.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is a registered charity, number 314178 and is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 24 September 1968. The Trust was established for charitable purposes by an initial gift from Willard Garfield Weston.

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

Mr E Mullan

Mr J Bedford

Mrs H Quigley

Dr R I Peters Gallagher OBE (Chairperson)

Mr J Hunter

Prof M O'Neill

The total membership must not exceed eight. The Chair is a former Honorary Treasurer of the University and a former member of the University Council.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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 trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the trust 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 trust 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 trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mr E Mullan
Trustee

25 June 2024

R I Peters Gallagher
Dr R I Peters Gallagher OBE (Chairperson)
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF GARFIELD WESTON TRUST FOR ULSTER UNIVERSITY**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Garfield Weston Trust For Ulster University (the trust) for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts 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 financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 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 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 financial statements to be reached.

Alison Wallace

Alison Wallace
IDS Chartered Accountants LLP

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Dated: 25 June 2024

GARFIELD WESTON TRUST FOR ULSTER UNIVERSITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Investments	3	77,220	71,712
Total income		<u>77,220</u>	<u>71,712</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	4	19,486	19,339
Charitable activities	5	71,225	41,320
Total expenditure		<u>90,711</u>	<u>60,659</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	222,462	(313,203)
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		<u>208,971</u>	<u>(302,150)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 6 April 2023		2,805,913	3,108,063
Fund balances at 5 April 2024		<u>3,014,884</u>	<u>2,805,913</u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	10		2,921,629		2,815,902
Current assets					
Debtors	11	-		949	
Cash at bank and in hand		94,575		30,382	
		<u>94,575</u>		<u>31,331</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,320)		(41,320)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			<u>93,255</u>		<u>(9,989)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,014,884</u>		<u>2,805,913</u>
The funds of the trust					
Unrestricted funds			<u>3,014,884</u>		<u>2,805,913</u>
			<u>3,014,884</u>		<u>2,805,913</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 25 June 2024

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Mr E Mullan
Trustee

R I Peters Gallagher

Dr R I Peters Gallagher OBE (Chairperson)
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Garfield Weston Trust For Ulster University is a registered charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's deed, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") 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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust 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 in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

1.4 Income

Income represents amounts received in respect of dividends and interest.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Funding provided through contractual agreements and performance related grants are recognised as goods and services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.7 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Financial instruments

The trust 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 trust's balance sheet when the trust 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.

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 trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the trust'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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from listed investments	53,177	56,976
Interest receivable	24,043	14,736
	<u>77,220</u>	<u>71,712</u>

4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fund management fees	19,486	19,339
	<u>19,486</u>	<u>19,339</u>

5 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
25 @ 25 Leading Northern Ireland's Future	-	40,000
Engineering in Built Environment	(8,000)	-
Geo Topics: Environmental Insights for School Teachers	(2,565)	-
Generative AI Workshops, summer school and conference	20,000	-
Introducing Children to STEM	17,000	-
Ulster Gene Editing Academy	10,470	-
Strategies to tackle mental illness and suicidality among students	13,000	-
Connections 2024	20,000	-
	<u>69,905</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	1,320	1,320
	<u>71,225</u>	<u>41,320</u>

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6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs	1,320	1,320
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	1,320	1,320

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year and neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year.

8 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2023 £
(Loss)/gain on sale of investments	(21,694)	118,605
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	244,156	(431,808)
	222,462	(313,203)

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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10 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Valuation	
At 6 April 2023	2,815,902
Additions	745,217
Realised investment losses	(21,694)
Unrealised investment gains	244,156
Disposals	(861,952)
At 5 April 2024	<u>2,921,629</u>
Carrying amount	
At 05 April 2024	<u>2,921,629</u>
At 05 April 2023	<u>2,815,902</u>

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	949
	<u>-</u>	<u>949</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,320	41,320
	<u>1,320</u>	<u>41,320</u>

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	2,805,913	77,220	(90,711)	222,462	3,014,884
	<u>2,805,913</u>	<u>77,220</u>	<u>(90,711)</u>	<u>222,462</u>	<u>3,014,884</u>

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13 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	3,108,063	71,712	(60,659)	(313,203)	2,805,913

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).