

**DIAMOND EDUCATION GRANT**

**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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## DIAMOND EDUCATION GRANT

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

<b>Trustees</b>	Dr Margaret Emsley (appointed 30 October 2020) Patricia Carruthers (appointed 30 October 2020) Dr Jennifer Kay Richmond Susan Williams (resigned 31 October 2020) Isobel Smith (resigned 31 October 2020) Judith Chaddock (resigned 31 October 2020) Shirley Jones (resigned 31 October 2020) Johanna Raffan (resigned 31 October 2020) Valerie Hills (resigned 31 October 2020) Ruth Healey (resigned 31 October 2020) Catherine May Cottridge (resigned 31 October 2020)
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1139668
<b>Principal office</b>	2nd Floor Beckwith House 1 Wellington Road North Stockport Cheshire SK4 1AF
<b>Accountants</b>	James Cowper Kreston Chartered Accountants 2 Communications Road Greenham Business Park Greenham Newbury Berkshire RG19 6AB
<b>Bankers</b>	Natwest Stockport Underbank Hall 10 Great Underbank Stockport Cheshire SK1 1LL
<b>Solicitors</b>	Paradigm Norton 140-142 St John Street London EC1V 4UB

## **DIAMOND EDUCATION GRANT**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Diamond Education Grant is a registered charity, an unincorporated association, in England and Wales. It was registered as a charity on 5 January 2011, and is a continuation of the former Golden Jubilee Fellowship. The Charity has a close relationship with Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Limited (SIGBI Limited).

At present there are three Trustees, including the Programme Director of SIGBI Limited, on the Board. There is provision for five Trustees. The Trustees are elected by the Members of SIGBI Limited. Previously the Trustees were all members of the Federation Management Board of SIGBI Limited.

The Trustees who have served during the year to 31 March 2021, and since the year end, are set out on page 1.

#### **Public benefit**

The Diamond Education Grant contributes to the public benefit through its activity of making grants to women who are in need of financial assistance for educational purposes. The grants enable the women to return to employment or move to a growing industry, by acquiring new skills. The educational grants contribute to raising the standard of education among women, who may not otherwise be able to improve their circumstances, those of their family, or the community in which they live.

#### **Plans for future periods**

The Trustees plan to continue providing educational grants to women in accordance with its objectives. In addition the Trustees will:

- Provide training and induction for new and existing Trustees to ensure that the management of the Charity is robust;
- Seek to involve Members of SIGBI Limited in mentoring Applicants; and
- Continue to promote the Charity with Members of SIGBI Limited with a view to increasing income, and the number of women who will benefit as a result.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The object of the Charity is to provide educational grants to women, who wish to update their skills in order to return to employment, or to acquire new skills needed to enter a field where employment prospects are greater. The benefits of educating women and girls, in time has become recognised as the most effective way of raising nations out of poverty, and reducing international conflicts. The often quoted African proverb, "If you educate a man you educate an individual, but if you educate a woman you educate a family (nation). The United Nations Girls' Education Initiative, "When girls get the education they need, there is a ripple effect that benefits everyone."

The principal activity of the Charity is the provision of grants to women, who reside in the countries of the Federation, and who need financial assistance. To achieve this objective the Charity invites applications from women residing in the countries served by SIGBI Limited, and who need financial assistance with their education.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### Achievements and performance

During the year to 31 March 2021 the Charity made grants totalling £13,550 (2020: £14,105) to 18 women (2020: 27 women). The average grant for the year was £752 (2020: £522).

The Charity knows that the grants are making a difference to the lives of the recipients and their wider community. The following are just two of the testimonials received.

"I am incredibly grateful to have been a recipient of a Diamond Education Grant from Soroptimist International: it has provided the impetus and means to launch my re-training and transition to a new professional field. However, the Diamond Grant's influence extends beyond its financial benefits. Any woman who has had to navigate a career break for caring responsibilities or medical necessity will know how daunting a return to the professional arena can be. To have an organisation such as the Soroptimists support my plans and offer a vote of confidence in my onward journey is an incredible boost, and one which I intend to draw on with renewed purpose as I navigate the world of independent consultancy in the years ahead. Many thanks to all those who made this possible."

"This experience [a placement funded by the DEG] has helped me to enhance and further develop skills I will require as an occupational therapist once I qualify. It has enabled me to gain skills and knowledge in an area which I would not normally have a chance to be involved in. I have learnt new techniques, medical theories and how they are applied from a place in the world where Western medicine and ethos, equipment and therapies aren't readily available."

#### Financial review

We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Members of SIGBI Limited, without which the Charity would be unable to provide educational grants to the women who are in need of assistance. The grants are wholly funded by investment income, plus levies, donations and bequests from current and former Members of SIGBI Limited, and collected by SIGBI Limited on behalf of the Charity.

A summary of the results for the year is given in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 7, and on Notes to the Financial Statements on page 9. During the year the total incoming resources were £17,663 (2020: £32,119). Total outgoing resources were £15,186 (£15,478), and the net movement in funds was £2,477 (2020: £16,641). The educational grants of £13,550 (2020: £14,150) represent 89% (2020: 91%) of total outgoing resources. No Trustee received any remuneration or benefits of any kind from the Charity in the current or previous year.

The market value of investments as at the 31 March 2021 was £121,317 (2020: £101,685), an unrealised gain of £19,632 on the previous year. The value of the total net assets as at 31 March 2021 was £175,594 (2020: £153,485).

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

#### Reserves policy

The Trustees review the amount of reserves held by the Charity to ensure that they are sufficient to meet future commitments, and provide for its charitable aims. They have concluded that a reserve of £20,000 should be maintained.

At 31 March 2021 the free reserves of the Charity were £175,594 (2020: £153,485).

All funds in the current and previous year are unrestricted.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

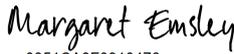
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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**Margaret Emsley**  
Chair of trustees  
Date: 10/09/2021

## DIAMOND EDUCATION GRANT

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Diamond Education Grant ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 the accounts in accordance with 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) 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 been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the 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:

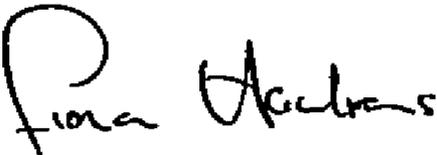
1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: 

Fiona Hawkins

Dated: 14/09/2021

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**James Cowper Kreston**  
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## DIAMOND EDUCATION GRANT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	14,196	14,196	28,168
Investments	4	3,467	3,467	3,951
		<u>17,663</u>	<u>17,663</u>	<u>32,119</u>
<b>Total income</b>				
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	5	15,186	15,186	15,478
		<u>15,186</u>	<u>15,186</u>	<u>15,478</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>				
<b>Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)</b>				
		2,477	2,477	16,641
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>				
Other gains/(losses)		19,632	19,632	(9,595)
		<u>22,109</u>	<u>22,109</u>	<u>7,046</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>				
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		153,485	153,485	146,439
Net movement in funds		22,109	22,109	7,046
		<u>175,594</u>	<u>175,594</u>	<u>153,485</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>				

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	8	121,317	101,685
		<u>121,317</u>	<u>101,685</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	9	6,296	-
Cash at bank and in hand		48,481	51,800
		<u>54,777</u>	<u>51,800</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(500)	-
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>54,277</u>	<u>51,800</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>175,594</u>	<u>153,485</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>175,594</u>	<u>153,485</u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	11	-	-
Unrestricted funds	11	175,594	153,485
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>175,594</u>	<u>153,485</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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**Margaret Emsley**  
 Chair of trustees  
 Date: 10/09/2021

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

**DIAMOND EDUCATION GRANT****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021****1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 2nd Floor Beckwith House, 1 Wellington Road North, Stockport, Cheshire, SK4 1AF.

**2. Accounting policies****2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Diamond Education Grant meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**2.2 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes an ability to continue operating for the foreseeable future. The Trustees have concluded that, while the COVID-19 pandemic increases the uncertainties related to future events or conditions, they are confident that the charity will continue as a going concern should income be adversely affected by COVID-19, or indeed by other unforeseeable circumstances. With free reserves of £175,594 (2020: £153,485) held by the charity, cash of £48,481 (2020: £51,800) and investments of £121,317 (2020: £101,685), which can be liquidated anytime, the charity can continue to operate at its current level of activity.

**2.3 Income**

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift. receipt is probable and it amounts can be measure reliably.

Legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable, and entitlement is established.

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 its recognised as restricted.

**DIAMOND EDUCATION GRANT****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021****2. Accounting policies (continued)****2.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.5 Investments**

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the statement of financial activities.

**2.6 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**2.7 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**2.8 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

## 2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## 2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

## 3. Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2021 £</b>	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	14,196	<b>14,196</b>	7,068
Legacies	-	-	21,100
	<u>14,196</u>	<u><b>14,196</b></u>	<u>28,168</u>

## 4. Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2021 £</b>	Total funds 2020 £
Income from listed investments	3,467	<b>3,467</b>	3,951
	<u>3,467</u>	<u><b>3,467</b></u>	<u>3,951</u>

## 5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

## Summary by fund type

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2021 £</b>	Total funds 2020 £
Direct costs	15,186	<b>15,186</b>	15,478
	<u>15,186</u>	<u><b>15,186</b></u>	<u>15,478</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### 5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

##### Summary by fund type (continued)

#### 6. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £500 (2020 - £ -).

#### 7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

#### 8. Fixed asset investments

	<b>Listed investments £</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2020	101,685
Revaluations	19,632
	121,317
At 31 March 2021	121,317
 <b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2021	121,317
At 31 March 2020	101,685

Historic cost of the listed investment was £93,511 (2020: £93,511).

The investments are managed by Paradigm Norton and the values are based on market values provided in their report at the year end.

#### 9. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Other debtors	6,296	-
	6,296	-
	6,296	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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## 10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>

## 11. Statement of funds

## Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	<u>153,485</u>	<u>17,663</u>	<u>(15,186)</u>	<u>19,632</u>	<u>175,594</u>

## Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	<u>146,439</u>	<u>32,119</u>	<u>(15,478)</u>	<u>(9,595)</u>	<u>153,485</u>

## 12. Analysis of net assets between funds

## Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fixed asset investments	121,317	121,317
Current assets	54,777	54,777
Creditors due within one year	(500)	(500)
<b>Total</b>	<u>175,594</u>	<u>175,594</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### 12. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

##### Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Fixed asset investments	101,685	101,685
Current assets	51,800	51,800
<b>Total</b>	153,485	153,485

#### 13. Related party transactions

The charity has a very close relationship with Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Limited.

Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Limited collects levies, payable by the members, on behalf of the charity. During the year the amounts collected and received from Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Limited totalled £2,550 (2020: £3,190).

No trustees received any remuneration or other benefits directly or indirectly from the charity. No other payments have been made to the trustees in the year.