



# **Beyond the Earth foundation**

**The Beyond the Earth Foundation**

**Report & financial statements for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31  
March 2021**

**Registered Charity No. SC048652**



## **Charity Information**

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## **Trustee Report**

The Council of Trustees are pleased to present their annual foundation report together with the financial statements for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

## **Structure, Governance & Management**

### **Bylaws**

The Beyond the Earth foundation in its current legal form, was formally registered on 1 August 2018. It has a two-tier structure consisting of the Council of Trustees and other project agents/ directors.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the provisions outlined within the foundation bylaws.

## **Objectives & Purposes**

### **Purposes**

- To foster unique public engagement and educational opportunities within SETI and long-term communicative strategies, astrobiology, temporal social sciences, planetary stewardship praxis, the arts and humanities while also promoting inclusive, cross-cultural discourse on developing best practices for speaking in a single yet heterogeneous voice for Earth in line with the UNISPACE+50 resolutions (2018).
- To establish introductory, micro-etched archives that can facilitate 'interpretation preservation' over intervals of cosmic time from orbit; 'Companion Guide to Earth' libraries that will contain an essential, non-partial records which will subsequently benefit archaeological observations performed by our distant descendants.
  - To preserve foundational portions of knowledge from a myriad of disciplines and conserve intricate, telluric records while also conveying the interdependence of our planet with its' inhabiting biota.
  - To further develop an iconic, instrumental pidgin lexicon that mitigates partiality while denoting how to further interpret archival resources. This primer encyclopaedia and related implicit cues will be compiled through peer-led, interdisciplinary academic investigation and [online] public consultations.
  - To coordinate the recovery of elaborate, terrestrial [and celestial] archives while also providing intelligible keys for interpreting these repositories.
  - To responsibly deter future human interference with long-duration, hazardous waste storage facilities e.g., nuclear, chemical deep geological depositories.
- To support the conservation of celestial heritage sites/ artefacts in context with current debris/ contamination mitigation guidelines while also authoring intelligible artifices that can be adopted by similar projects for deep time/ space communication strategies.



- To contribute peer-led research, ethical considerations and public knowledge to qualitative investigations that aim to address some of the most profound questions facing human culture and its' democratic proliferation within outer space in accordance with the articles of the Outer Space Treaty (1967).
- To encourage international, cooperative learning between different ethnic backgrounds, language speakers and parties with specific accessibility requirements across national borders as per the principles outlined within the Vienna Declaration (1999) in order to collectively undertake this common, multifaceted challenge.

### **Activities**

In the specified period under review, due to the ongoing global pandemic the foundation decided to pre-emptively scale down our outreach and engagement projects. Despite this ongoing climate, the foundation has still been busy; planning on other projects we could develop over the course of future fiscal years; and generating research which will contribute to create new avenues of outreach and engagement; while also continuing to advance a forthcoming book due to be published in 2022.

### **Achievements & Performance**

Given the recent global pandemic, the foundation chose to wind down many of its activities in order to free up time for external trustee commitments and protect the foundation from the negative impacts of covid. Our public achievements and performance, therefore, is understandably limited for this year.

- We continued to peer-develop a forthcoming publication on '*Messaging into Deep Space and Cosmic Time*' with publisher Atelier Editions. The book draws together broad research in fields of the humanities, alongside an abundance of visual material and other graphics to create an intriguing cross-disciplinary volume for a diverse array of interests. All necessary media permissions are presently still being sought for this unique material cultures study.
- The foundation established a broad-ranging research programme entitled '*After the Horizon*', centralised around the concept of identifying future indelible legacies and documenting these emergent impacts for the benefit of stewardship plans by distant posterity. At present, digital catalogues of these legacies and supplementary materials are still being consolidated (e.g., radiological heritage, POPs, long-term experiment listings, near-Earth object almanacs etc.), alongside devoted contextual webpages to promote work in these emergent problems, with the hope that this research may also be used for the benefit of future engagement activities.
- The foundation continued to aid in the development of an adequate web platform to promote engagement with the UK SETI Research Network – as part of our goals in SETI outreach.

### **Financial Review**

Income from this period was £175.00 and total expenditure was £219.40 giving a deficit of £44.40. Of this deficit, all £44.40 is from defined 'unrestricted' funding, with a surplus 'restricted' funding carry-over of £1428.06 remaining within the foundation's account (for a paused educational project).

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### **Reserve Policy**

Given the ongoing pandemic, much of the available financial opportunities had been withdrawn, leading to a lower-than-expected income stream to support foundation work. This is likely reflected across the charitable organisation sector, but we are planning on addressing these issues in the next fiscal year. As the running costs of the foundation increase, the council of trustees will develop a reserves policy to ensure that a sufficient balance of reserves will be maintained with this policy featuring in a bylaws amendment.

### **Plans for future period**

Given the ongoing pandemic and restrictions, the foundation intends to continue to suspend all face-to-face engagements in favour of concentrating on planning for future activities, as well as delivering forthcoming digital services, and media-interview opportunities to engage broad audiences, in addition to continuing work on the aforementioned catalogue research and book for 2021 – 2022.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on behalf by;

Signature:

Paul E. Quast, Trustee & Project Director

Dated: 31/03/2021



## **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Beyond the Earth foundation**

I report on the accounts of the charity from the period 31 March 2020 – 01 April 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature:           JOAN C. STACK          

Joan Stack

Edinburgh College of Art, University of Edinburgh

Dated: 31/03/2021



**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021**

<b>Receipts</b>	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Period ending 31
	1	Funds (£)	(£)	March 2021 (£)
2019/20 Carry-Over balance	2	88.26	1428.06	1516.32
Donations		175.00	-	175.00
Grants		-	-	-
Fundraising		-	-	-
Sales		-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>263.26</b>	<b>1428.06</b>	<b>1691.32</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Fundraising costs		-	-	-
Costs of activities	3/4	219.40	-	219.40
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>219.40</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>219.40</b>
Surplus/ deficit for the period	5/6	+43.86	+1428.06	1471.92
Transfer between funds		-	-	-
<b>Surplus/ deficit for the period</b>		<b>+43.86</b>	<b>+1428.06</b>	<b>+1471.92</b>



## **Statement of Balances at 31 March 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)
Opening cash at bank and in hand	88.26	1428.06	1516.32
Surplus for the period	43.86	1428.06	1471.92
Closing cash at bank and in hand	<u>43.86</u>	<u>1428.06</u>	<u>1471.92</u>

### **Bank and Cash Balances**

Bank current account			1471.92
Cash in hand			-
			<u>1471.92</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on behalf by;

Signature:

Paul E. Quast, Chairperson

Dated: 31/03/2021





## **Notes to the accounts for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021**

### **1. Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

### **2. Nature and purposes of funds**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. The trustees maintain a single, unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the organisation.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or grant body, or when funds are raised for a particular purpose.

### **3. Related party transactions**

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected foundation agents during this period. All donations have been provided by trustees in monthly sums during the denoted financial period.

### **4. Cost of Charitable activities**

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Period ending 31 March 2021 (£)
Wages and national insurance	-	-	-
Staff travel and expenses	-	-	-
Volunteer expenses	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-
Trips and visits	-	-	-
Printing, Postage & Stationary	-	-	-
Promotional materials	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-
Website and Mailbox services	177.48	-	177.48
Additional Software	41.92	-	41.92
Professional fees	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
	<hr/> 219.40	<hr/> -	<hr/> 219.40



## 5. Unrestricted funds

	Opening balance (£)	Incoming resources (£)	Outgoing resources (£)	Closing balance (£)
Donations	88.26	175.00	219.40	43.86
Crowdfunding	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
Awards	-	-	-	-
	<hr/> 88.26	<hr/> 175.00	<hr/> 219.40	<hr/> 43.86

## 6. Restricted funds

	Opening balance (£)	Incoming resources (£)	Outgoing resources (£)	Closing balance (£)
Europlanet Fund	1428.06	-	-	1428.06
Donations	-	-	-	-
Crowdfunding	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
Awards	-	-	-	-
	<hr/> 1428.06	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> 1428.06

### **Purpose of Restricted Funds:**

Europlanet Consortium Engagement and Outreach Fund 2020 — promoting outreach activities to raise the profile of planetary science amongst European citizens, policy makers, industry and media. This funding was awarded in the prior fiscal year.