



Beyond the Earth foundation

The Beyond the Earth Foundation

**Report & financial statements for the period from 1 April 2021 to 31
March 2022**

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 2021 to 31 March 2022.

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 agents/ project 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, the foundation has mostly focused on ensuring its media and communication channels remain active and updated over the course of the ongoing pandemic, in addition to pursuing related avenues of research beneficial for future activities. This work will be of benefit once the foundation resumes public-facing activities.

Achievements & Performance

For the majority of the financial year, the foundation has been in a period of hiatus due to the ongoing pandemic. While much of the outreach activities have been suspended to accommodate increased pressures from increased [external] workloads, we have been able to progress several archival projects needed for future research and engagement activities, in addition to further contributing to the development of a publication and reconfiguring our web media to allow easier access to contents.

- Over the course of the year, we have been busy ensuring all writings and other post-development work needed for a research publication have been completed. In addition, we have changed publishers to allow a greater degree of freedom with the selected contents.
- The foundation has also pioneered a research component entitled “After the Horizon”, intent on studying long-term human legacies as part of information conservation projects, outreach, and awareness campaigns in several disciplinary fields. Further foundation agents may be approached to support this initiative.

Financial Review

Income from this period was £180.00 and total expenditure was £177.48 giving a surplus of £2.52 for the period. Of this surplus, all £2.52 is unrestricted funding.



Reserve Policy

At the present time, the trustees consider that the remaining balance of unrestricted funds will be sufficient to carry on the current public-facing media and research activities for 2022/ 2023 with forthcoming restricted funding grants needed to pursue additional activities. 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

For the year 2022 – 2023, the foundation aims to further develop essential networks necessary for delivering our educational objectives while seeking additional partnerships with members of the public to advance our stated objectives.

In addition to this, we will continue to pursue publication opportunities while advancing additional marketing strategies to identify other gaps within inter/disciplinary research to attract public and professional interest towards these subjects.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on behalf by;

Signature:

Paul E. Quast, Chairperson



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the charity from the period 01 April 2021 – 31 March 2022 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 STACK_____

Joan Stack

Edinburgh College of Art, University of Edinburgh

Dated: 31/03/2022



Statement of Receipts and Payments for 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Period ending 31 March 2022 (£)
Carry Over Balance	1	43.86	1428.06	1471.92
Donations	2	180.00	-	180.00
Grants		-	-	-
Fundraising		-	-	-
Sales		-	-	-
Total Receipts		223.86	1428.06	1651.92
Payments				
Fundraising costs		-	-	-
Costs of activities	3/4	177.48	-	177.48
Total payments		177.48	-	177.48
Surplus/ deficit for the period	5/6	+46.38	+1428.06	1474.44
Transfer between funds		-	-	-
Surplus/ deficit for the period		+46.38	+1428.06	+1474.44

Statement of Balances on 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Period ending 31 March 2022 (£)
Opening cash at bank and in hand	-	-	-
Surplus for the period	43.86	1428.06	1471.92
Closing cash at bank and in hand	46.38	1428.06	1474.44

Bank and Cash Balances

Bank current account	1474.44
Cash in hand	-
	1474.44

Approved by the Trustees and signed on behalf by;

Signature:

Paul E. Quast, Chairperson

31st March 2022



Notes to the accounts for the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

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

Receipts	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Period ending 31 March 2022 (£)
Wages and national insurance	-	-	-
Staff travel and expenses	-	-	-
Trips and visits	-	-	-
Promotional materials	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-
Website and Software	177.48	-	177.48
Professional fees	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
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	177.48	-	177.48

5. Unrestricted funds

	Opening Balance (£)	Incoming Resources (£)	Outgoing Resources (£)	Closing Balance (£)
Donations	43.86	180.00	177.48	46.38
Grants	-	-	-	-
Awards	-	-	-	-
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	43.86	180.00	177.48	+46.38



6. Restricted funds

	Opening Balance (£)	Incoming Resources (£)	Outgoing Resources (£)	Closing Balance (£)
Donations	-	-	-	-
Grants	1428.06 *	-	-	1428.06
Awards	-	-	-	-
	<u>1428.06</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>+1428.06</u>

* 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 (1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020).