

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02826331 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1022726

Report of the Trustees and
Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2016
for
The Stanford Trust



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for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2016. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
02826331 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1022726

Registered office
19 Norcott Road
London
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Trustees
Mrs J Good
Mr T Tseng - resigned 2.12.15
Mr B H Pearson
Mr E Jonsson

Company Secretary
Mrs J Good

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Legal Status

The Stanford Trust is controlled by its governing document, deed of trust, and constitutes a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 1985, having been incorporated on 11 June 1993 (Co.No. 2826331) and it is registered as a charity (Registered Charity No. 1022726).

The member of the Stanford Trust is the Leland Stanford Junior University, California 94305, U.S.A.

Management Committee

The Stanford Trust is administered by a committee, whose members are its directors for the purpose of company law and its charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. The committee members are the trustees in office during the year as mentioned in the information section.

Recruitment and induction of Committee Members

The Leland Stanford Junior University ("Stanford University"), as sole member of the Trust, appoints the members of the committee of the Trust at its Annual General Meeting. At each Annual General Meeting a third of the committee retires by rotation and may be re-appointed by Stanford University to serve for a further term of office.

New committee members are requested to review the Charity Commission's guidance 'CC3: The Essential Trustee: what you need to know' and are expected to be conversant with their responsibilities. They are also given a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of the Trust.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Decision making

Under the Articles of Association of The Stanford Trust, dated 21 May 1993, the Committee manages the activities of The Stanford Trust and is empowered to exercise all the powers of the Trust in pursuance of its objects. The Trust is a small organisation and has no employees, but it does have an administrator that works for the Trust on an ad hoc basis. The Committee takes all the decisions on the allocation of funding.

Risk Management

The Committee considers that, as charity trustees of a grant-making charitable company which does not give advance funding commitments, their exposure to operational risks is minimal. The Committee members have reviewed the major risks faced by the Trust and are satisfied that steps have been taken to mitigate those risks.

Related party

The Trust is a related party to Stanford University, the University is the sole member of the Trust.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The object for which The Stanford Trust was established, as defined by the Memorandum of Association, dated 21 May 1993, is the advancement and support of education by making donations to support colleges of further education or universities including, in particular, Stanford University, provided that the donations shall be made for the purposes of the colleges and universities which are purposes being charitable under the law of England and Wales.

Aims

The Trust aims to advance education through the provision of funding to Stanford University to support scholarships and other charitable activities.

Objectives and strategies

- o To distribute the income of the Trust in the most effective way possible and to monitor the impact of the grants.
- o To increase the amount of income raised by the Trust.

Activities carried out for the public benefit

£3,036,965 (2015 - £3,671,609) was raised during the year and £2,994,749 (£2015 - 3,676,221) was applied to the charitable purposes of the Trust. The funds distributed by the Trust were paid to Stanford University to support scholarship programmes and other activities carried out by Stanford University. The Committee considers that its objectives have been adequately met during the year through making these funds available to Stanford University. The Committee confirms that it has had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Grant-making policy

Grants are made by the Trust to achieve its objects for the public benefit to advance education through funding of higher education institutions. No grants are made until these have been agreed by the Committee. The Trust concentrates on providing funding to Stanford University, and offers funding for focussed purposes, including the provision of scholarships for students at Stanford University.

Financial Review

The Trust is operated as a grant making charity and the Committee's policy is to distribute the income received in each financial year, and as such minimum reserves of no more than £5,000 are held. The Committee takes the view that as a grant making charity with no employees and minimal overheads there is no need for the Trust to hold reserves. The Trust receives the bulk of its income as donations from individuals, many of whom are alumni of Stanford University. In the current year £2,994,749 has been donated to Stanford University in order to advance the objects of the Trust. At the end of the year, the Trust had a surplus on reserves of £47,294 (2015: surplus £559.).

Future plans

Through an enhanced fundraising policy, the Trust hopes to increase the level of funds raised over the next few years.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Stanford Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Nielsens, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 May 2017 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs J Good - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
The Stanford Trust

We have audited the financial statements of The Stanford Trust for the year ended 31 August 2016 on pages six to eleven. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities set out on page three, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

The trustees have elected for the financial statements to be audited in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 rather than the Companies Act 2006. Accordingly we have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under Section 154 of that Act.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report of the Trustees to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2016 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
The Stanford Trust

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements ; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



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Date: 19/5/17

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

		31.8.16 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.15 Total funds £
	Notes		
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income	2	3,036,965	3,671,607
Other incoming resources		6,980	6,225
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Costs of generating funds			
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	-	402
Charitable activities	4		
Grants to education institutions		2,994,749	3,676,221
Governance costs	6	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,460</u>
Total resources expended		<u>2,997,209</u>	<u>3,679,083</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		46,736	(1,251)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		558	1,809
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>47,294</u></u>	<u><u>558</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
At 31 August 2016

			31.8.16 Unrestricted fund	31.8.15 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	9		30,697	-
Cash at bank			<u>16,598</u>	<u>559</u>
			47,295	559
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>47,295</u>	<u>559</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			47,295	559
NET ASSETS			<u>47,295</u>	<u>559</u>
FUNDS				
Called up share capital	10		1	1
Unrestricted funds	11		<u>47,924</u>	<u>558</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>47,295</u>	<u>559</u>

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Balance Sheet - continued
At 31 August 2016

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2016.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

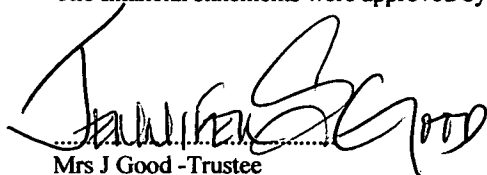
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 May 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mrs J Good - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	31.8.16	31.8.15
	£	£
Donations	2,848,786	3,323,968
Gift aid	<u>188,179</u>	<u>347,639</u>
	<u>3,036,965</u>	<u>3,671,607</u>

3. COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	31.8.16	31.8.15
	£	£
Support costs	<u>-</u>	<u>402</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities (See note 5)	Totals
	£	£
Grants to education institutions	<u>2,994,749</u>	<u>2,994,749</u>

5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.8.16	31.8.15
	£	£
Total Grants to education institutions	<u>2,994,749</u>	<u>3,676,221</u>

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31.8.16	31.8.15
	£	£
Accountancy	1,260	1,260
Auditors' remuneration	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,460</u>

7. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.16	31.8.15
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2016 nor for the year ended 31 August 2015.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2016 nor for the year ended 31 August 2015.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.16	31.8.15
	£	£
Other debtors – Gift aid tax	<u>30,697</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

10. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	31.8.16 £	31.8.15 £
Allotted, issued and fully paid 1 Ordinary share of £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.15 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.16 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	558	46,736	47,294
	<u>558</u>	<u>46,736</u>	<u>47,294</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>558</u>	<u>46,736</u>	<u>47,294</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,043,945	(2,997,209)	46,736
	<u>3,043,945</u>	<u>(2,997,209)</u>	<u>46,736</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,043,945</u>	<u>(2,997,209)</u>	<u>46,736</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

All of the charity's issued share capital is owned by the Trustees of Stanford University, being the main beneficiary of the charity.

Stanford University have also agreed to bear the annual audit and accountancy costs amounting to £2,460 (2015 - £2,460), which are included in donations receivable.

13. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The directors regard the trust committee of the Leland Stanford Junior University (USA), as a collective body, to be the ultimate controlling party.