

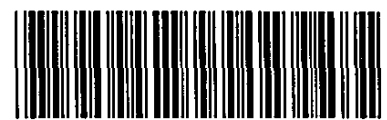
**THE MARRIAGE FOUNDATION**  
**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**Period Ended**  
**31 AUGUST 2013**

**Company Limited By Guarantee**  
**Registration Number 08002851 (England and Wales)**

**Charity Registration Number 1150453**

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

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**Summary of vision, aims and activities**

## **Our Vision**

We want to see fewer relationships breaking down and more people forming healthy stable relationships. This would mean:

- Fewer children experiencing the separation of their parents
- Fewer people being drawn into the family justice system – not the 500,000 each year as now
- Fewer children whose wellbeing and life chances are diminished
- Fewer people experiencing the emotional pain and financial costs of broken relationships
- Less cost to society – not the current £46 billion each year

We believe that marriage can help build more stable relationships, and that marriages can be strengthened and supported to survive difficult times. That's why our mission is to be a national champion for marriage

## **Our Aims**

Our charitable objects and activities are set out in full in the Trustees' annual report. We recognise that governments cannot legislate stronger relationships into existence. Ultimately, stronger and longer-lasting marriages will be a product of our individual choices, behaviour and culture. The Marriage Foundation therefore seeks to influence the way individuals, couples and society as a whole think about forming, maintaining and ending relationships. In doing this we promote:

- Better public understanding of the nature and benefits of marriage
- Wider and earlier access to relationships support and education
- A reduction in the 'marriage gap' whereby people from disadvantaged backgrounds are less likely to benefit from stable relationships

## **Our Approach**

We use the national profile we are establishing to create a platform for the passion and skills of the many individuals and organisations which believe that strengthening marriage and couple relationships will benefit society. We invite all people to join with us as part of a broad coalition that champions the hopes and dreams of the majority, tackles the pain and hurt of the most vulnerable and celebrates success in that most difficult and vital endeavour, healthy relationships, wherever it is found.

Our research and regular, visible and respected presence in public debate; press, radio, TV, social media and national conferences; challenge the myths and false assumptions about marriage and couple relationships. We see this as a vital step in changing the context within which people make choices about their relationships, and enabling other organisations to be more effective in their support for relationships.

But ultimately we will make a difference by giving people the skills, knowledge and support to form stronger more stable relationships, and by helping others in that task.

Chair's Statement

Chair's Statement for the Period 2012/13

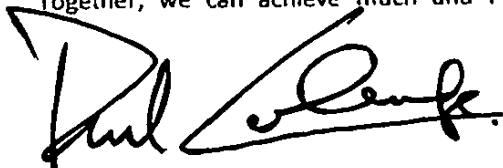
I am delighted to introduce the report and accounts for 2012-13

We launched the Marriage Foundation on 1st May 2012 at a reception for 350 people in Middle Temple Hall with keynote addresses by Jonathan Sacks, the chief Rabbi, and Baroness Butler-Sloss, the former President of the Family Division of the High Court and one of our patrons. That evening I set out the three main areas of work that we wished to develop: making the case for marriage, addressing the marriage gap whereby young people from disadvantaged backgrounds are disproportionately less likely to marry or to form healthy stable relationships, and promoting better access to relationships education.

We have achieved, though I say it myself, far more than I thought possible in our first year and have built a solid base on which to move forward. There is, however, much, much more to do. And the more we do the more we are convinced of the need for our work. There is a palpable groundswell of support from all sections of society and from those in particular who value the clear public stance of the Marriage Foundation. At the end of the day, stripping everything down to our core aims, we are here to confront and tackle the appalling human and financial cost of family breakdown, a complex problem and a situation I encounter daily in the Family Courts as a judge in the family division of the High Court. It surely remains an intolerable position (as one of our early research projects revealed) that, at current rates, a child born today has only a 50-50 chance of living with both its birth parents by the time he or she is 16. The consequences for future generation are truly worrying and as a society we simply cannot afford to ignore this.

Our activities and achievements are set out in this report. I am grateful to all those who have helped us get started with their financial support, public endorsement, advice or partnership in our projects. We would achieve nothing without them. Particular thanks are due to our Patrons for their advice and public support from the outset, the staff team for their unstinting efforts, Stephanie Biden and Nick Wood for their professional advice, our Advisory Board and to the Relationships Foundation for committing so much staff time to launching and establishing the Marriage Foundation.

Research consistently shows that most people still want to get married. And our first year has shown that there are many people in all walks of life who want to tackle the scourge of broken relationships. Together, we can achieve much and I look forward to another year of productive partnerships.



Sir Paul Coleridge

19 December 2013

## **The Marriage Foundation**

### **Trustee's Annual Report Period Ended 31 August 2013**

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2013

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements

#### **THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows

Sir Paul Coleridge	Appointed 22 March 2012
Sir Mark Hedley	Appointed 22 March 2012
Edward Coleridge	Appointed 22 March 2012
William Coleridge	Appointed 22 March 2012

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing Document and Constitution**

The Marriage Foundation was incorporated under and is regulated by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 22 March 2012 and amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 11 January 2013. The company limited by guarantee was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 11 January 2013.

##### **Governance, Structure and Management**

The charity is governed, on a day-to-day basis, by the Executive Director, who meets frequently with the chair of Trustees to discuss the issues affecting the charity. Any decisions that would affect key aspects of the charity's policy or governance are referred to the Trustees to discuss at their meetings, which are held three times a year. In establishing governance policies and procedures for a new charity the Trustees have been guided by the Charity Commission's published advice and guidance.

An Advisory Board meets twice a year. The Board brings together people with significant professional experience of marriage and relationships, family law and the media to advise on the strategy and development of programmes.

##### **The members of the Advisory Board are as follows:**

**Sarah Abell** is a life and relationships coach and author

**Rehna Azim** is a family law barrister specializing in child care law. She acts for a range of local authority and guardian/parent instructed solicitors.

**Catherine Barker** has recently established Cognitas Research. She leads the UK arm of a US based non-profit, MOPS International, an organisation that supports mothers of pre-schoolers.

**Stephanie Biden** is a charity law solicitor and partner at Bates Wells and Braithwaite

**Samantha Callan** is Chairman-in-Residence at the Centre for Social Justice. She advises politicians and policy-makers and contributes to media debates on family breakdown and family law reform.

**Pamela Collis** is head of the Family Law team and a partner at CKFT law firm in Hampstead.

**Chris Ford** is CEO of Explore, a charity which works with groups of young people, explaining and encouraging lasting relationships and marriage, in schools and young offenders' institutions.

**Rachel Gardner** is a youth worker and the founder of Romance Academy, a "positive relationships education" charity that equips vulnerable young people with the tools to build stable relationships.

**Katharine Hill** is UK Director for the charity Care for the Family. She was previously a family law solicitor.

**Deborah Jeff** is head of the Family Department and a partner at the law firm Seddons

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### Trustee's Annual Report Period Ended 31 August 2013

**Nola Leach** is CEO of CARE, a charity providing resources and helping to bring Christian insight and experience to public policy and practical caring initiatives

**Nicky and Sila Lee** are the founders of Relationships Central. Over the past 25 years they have developed and produced resources to help support family life.

**Professor Rebecca Probert** is Professor of Law at the University of Warwick. Her history of the law's treatment of cohabiting couples, *The Legal Regulation of Cohabitation, 1600-2010*, was published in 2012.

**Dave Percival** founded and runs 2-in-2-1, an organisation dedicated to promoting access to the very best resources and services in building secure relationships

**Philippa Taylor** has worked as a consultant on family and bioethics issues for 20 or so years, predominantly for the charity CARE. She is now Head of Public Policy at the Christian Medical Fellowship.

#### Recruitment, Appointment and Induction of Trustees

Invitations will be extended from time to time to suitable qualified and experienced men and women to become trustees by the existing body of trustees. Newly appointed Trustees are provided with a comprehensive pack of induction materials, including a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company and the Trust Deed. They will have an induction with fellow trustees and the Executive Director and will be expected to spend time with other members of the senior management team, familiarising themselves with the workings of the charity.

#### Internal Controls and Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against misstatement and loss. They include:

- A strategic plan and an annual budget approved by the trustees
- Monthly management accounts comparing performance against budget
- Regular reports submitted by the Executive Director.
- Regular consideration by the trustees of the financial results.
- Identification and management of risks

An annual review of the risks facing the Foundation will be conducted and considered by Trustees. They agree the strategic risks facing the organisation and measures to be adopted to mitigate those risks

#### Associated Bodies

The Marriage Foundation was publicly launched in May 2012 and operated as a project of The Relationships Foundation (Registered charity number 1106460) until independent charity registration was achieved on 11 January 2013. The Relationships Foundation's role in supporting the launch of the Marriage Foundation was governed by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by Relationships Foundation's chair of Trustees and Sir Paul Coleridge. This Memorandum was updated following charity registration and covers the terms under which Relationships Foundation continues to provide the core staffing and office services for the Marriage Foundation during its early operations

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objects of the Marriage Foundation, as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, are:

1. To safeguard and protect the physical and mental health of adults and children, and to prevent hardship poverty and distress, by raising awareness of the means by which successful relationships (including but not limited to married relationships) can be developed and strengthened and the breakdown of relationships avoided

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2. To promote research into all aspects of the establishment, maintenance and development of successful relationships (including but not limited to married relationships) and to publish the useful results thereof
3. To promote the effectiveness and efficiency of charities concerned with the creation and maintenance of successful relationships (including but not limited to married relationships), for the benefit of the public, in particular, but not exclusively, by organising conferences and disseminating the results of relevant research.

Having had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, the Trustees believe that the activities of the Marriage Foundation deliver public benefit through:

- Published research and conferences that highlight different aspects of the health and stability of couple relationships. These raise awareness of the risks of unstable relationships and address the myths and misperceptions that hinder the formation of more stable relationships
- The promotion of improved access to relationships education so that fewer children and adults experience the consequences of the breakdown of relationships
- Working in partnership with existing providers of support for marriage and couple relationships to enable their work to have greater impact

Ultimately the impact of our work will be seen in changed attitudes to marriage and relationships formation amongst young people, and in society more widely. This should result in more marriages and fewer broken relationships, with a reduction in the number of children experiencing the separation of their parents. The life chances of children and the wellbeing of both adults and children will be improved, and the costs of broken relationships to the nation reduced.

We believe that increasing the number of healthy marriages (as opposed to less stable cohabitation) and reducing the rate of breakdown is key to this. We seek to promote better understanding of marriage in public debate, tackling the myths that discourage marriage; improve access to relationships support and education, particularly in the early stages of relationships, and tackle the marriage gap, especially for disadvantaged young people who are more likely to opt for less stable cohabitation.

Specific cultural impact should include fewer people believing in the myth of 'common law marriage', breaking the association of marriage with expensive weddings, increased willingness to access relationships education, greater awareness of the value of public intentional commitment at the outset of a relationship and greater recognition of the dangers of 'sliding' into cohabitation – we make the case for 'deciding rather than sliding' – which can, on occasion, lead young people into potentially dangerous situations. Common myths and misunderstanding will be less widely perpetuated and commonly believed.

Our work is intended to assist partner organisations and their effectiveness. We are not a direct provider of services but work closely with both local and national relationships educators, seeking to change the cultural environment within which they operate to enable far greater impact. This should be seen in terms of additional activity and improved outcomes over and above that which they would have achieved alone. Specifically this should include an increase in the numbers of people reached and ability of the organisations to support people in their relationships.



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#### Making the case for marriage

During our first period we have sought to establish the Marriage Foundation as a respected national voice for marriage, to become the 'go-to' destination for press and media comment, and ensure that we have a clear positive and informative message that champions people's hopes. The briefings which have formed the basis of our comment included

- Identifying a startling 51 per cent reduction in the divorce rate for wife-granted divorces in the first three years of marriage. This was based on the first ever analysis of divorce rates both by gender – whether the divorce is granted to the husband or to the wife – and years of marriage. We suggested the reason for this dramatic change (the divorce rate for husband-granted divorces increased slightly) is that less pressure from family and society to get married makes men who decide to tie the knot more dedicated to their relationship
- Showing that the divorce rate for celebrity marriages is twice the national average rate. An analysis of celebrity marriages featured in Hello! Magazine found that after 10 years of marriage the divorce rate for celebrities is 40 per cent. For the rest of the country, the figure is just 20 per cent over the same amount of time. We suggested that the celebrity culture absorbed from magazines like Hello! give us unrealistic, fairy-tale expectations about marriage and relationships, when in fact, the glamour of celebrity weddings is a poor indicator of future marital success
- Revealing that the divorce rate after ten years of marriage is unchanged since the 1960s, shattering the common assumption that the divorce rate for all couples is higher than it was then. A couple who married in 2001 have the same chance of getting divorced after ten or more years of marriage as a couple who married in 1971.
- Exposing the myth of the seven year itch. All the change in divorce rates since the 1960s has taken place in the first decade of marriage, with the peak risk period being between the third and sixth years. The frequently reported rise in 'silver-splitters' is also shown to be less significant if the length of marriage is taken into account.
- Debunking the myth that second marriages are more likely to fail than first marriages. Almost half – 45 per cent – of all couples who marry for the first time in 2013 will divorce during their lifetime. However, divorced couples who marry for the second time have only a 31% chance of their marriage ending in divorce
- Demonstrating that stable relationships outside marriage are rare. 45 per cent of young teenagers, aged 13-15, are no longer living with both their parents. Amongst parents of young teenagers whose relationships do remain intact, 93 per cent are married
- Challenging the myths about links between divorce and recession. Relationship charities have previously claimed that more married couples break up during an economic downturn because of the strain of financial anxiety putting pressure on relationships. Arguing the exact opposite, lawyers have suggested recessions keep couples together, as they cannot afford to go through expensive divorce procedures and the cost of buying a second house. Our research showed that neither side can claim to have reached a valid conclusion because the link simply does not exist. For every year since the 1970s – and across every duration of marriage, from 'newlyweds' through to 'silver surfers' – divorce rates have almost always stayed within plus or minus 10 percent of the previous year's figure. There is no evidence whatsoever to link either economic growth or stock market performance with changes in divorce rates

These reports have formed the basis of regular comment in the national press, television, both national and local media as well as through blogs and social media. Full details of our reports and media coverage are available on our website which has been steadily developed alongside our Facebook page over the

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course of the year

Our first national conference on 'Modern Marriage myths, realities and prospects' was sold out in advance of the event and benefitted from a very strong panel of speakers including Baroness Deech, Professor Rebecca Probert, Professor Anne Barlow, Ayesha Vardag and Deborah Jeff. Charges for such events are kept to a minimum; sufficient to cover the costs of the event to enable as many people as possible to attend, and all material is made available free of charge on our website. We also hosted a lunch event for the publication of the highly regarded book on marriage 'Maybe I Do' by Australian MP and government minister Kevin Andrews.

#### Promoting relationships education

Our priority has been to develop partnerships with existing providers of relationships education and establish a national profile so that we are better placed to promote wider access to relationships education. A major conference on the theme of relationships education is planned for December 2013 which will represent a major step forward in this programme area. Key contributors will be the Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP, Penelope Leach, and the chief executives of the main providers of relationships education including Relate, OnePlusOne, Marriage Care and Relationship Central

#### Minding the Marriage Gap

We have convened an initial network of organisations working with young people on the theme of relationships and identified a number of ways in which collaboration can support their work. We have piloted innovative qualitative research with young people which we plan to take forward in the coming year.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Our ultimate goal of seeing more healthy marriages and fewer relationships breaking down is, inevitably, a long term project though we believe change can happen more rapidly than many people assume. Over the next two years we believe that, as well as continuing to influence public attitudes, we can see the Foundation's media platform, reputation and partnerships sufficiently well-established so that the longer-term process of changing behaviour and attitudes is both sustainable and successful. The most significant achievements over this first year have been:

- Securing a broad coalition of support including individuals with a concern for marriage and couple relationships; many judges, barrister and solicitors; providers of relationships education; youth organisations; academics; journalists and faith groups. Monthly email bulletins, half yearly printed newsletter, an active Facebook page and periodic events help us to build and maintain this support base
- Establishing a strong media presence including Radio 4 Today programme, Radio 5 live, Newsnight, This Morning, The Times, The Telegraph, Guardian, Sun, Mirror, Daily Mail, Express, Evening Standard, Marie Claire and many local radio stations. This provides a strong platform for reaching a wide audience and supporting the formation and maintenance of stronger relationships.
- The development of effective working relationships with a wide range of organisations supporting young people and providing relationships education.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The financial outturn for the period was a surplus of £11,191. Free reserves at 31 August 2013 were £11,191.

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#### PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Looking ahead to the coming year we expect the focus of our activity to remain in the same areas

The profile and position of Sir Paul Coleridge as a High Court Judge has undoubtedly been a significant factor in the success of our first period. His experience and expertise commands respect and attention, generates media opportunities, and opens up many productive partnerships. Sir Paul Coleridge will be stepping down from his judicial responsibilities in spring 2014 which will give greater freedom to speak publicly on behalf of the Marriage Foundation, and more time to develop the partnerships at the heart of our work pro bono

##### 1 Making the case for marriage

We will continue our successful programme of low-cost and clearly defined pieces of research that make a positive and engaging case for marriage capable of generating significant media interest. Issues which we believe will generate debate, and which are important in enabling people to make informed choices about their relationships, include:

- Demonstrating that most breakdowns of relationships are now within cohabiting rather than married couples
- How divorce among low conflict couples, which are the most salvageable, have the most damaging effect on children.
- Evidence that couples who slide into cohabitation rather than making intentional decisions are more likely to split
- Whether unmarried fathers have less contact with their children after separation than married fathers.

##### 2. Minding the marriage gap

Investment here will set in place the core infrastructure of a robust understanding of the needs of young people, an active network of organisations with the capacity to engage effectively with young people, a vibrant social media platform that engages them, and the steady production of material that can challenge and inform young people about marriage, and how healthy relationships can be better formed and maintained. Key elements of this project are expected to include:

- Qualitative research with teenagers and young adults to ensure the project is founded on accurate understanding of attitudes to marriage and how they are influenced. Focus groups and polling which will explore attitudes to such issues as the nature of commitment in couple formation, whether the search for a soul mate is unrealistic and how they expect to know they have found the 'right' person, why marriage and expensive weddings are becoming synonymous, whether there is any point to marriage, or what promises can realistically be kept
- Convening and supporting a network of organisations committed to marriage which work with young people around relationships, including workshops with a wider network of practitioners.
- Development of a more accessible web portal and social media to engage more young people in debate and discussion on the issues surrounding marriage. This will require both professional advice and some staff training so that the increasingly demanding expectations of visual, responsive and fast-paced engaging communication are met
- Working with partner organisations to develop content and material that supports young people and adults in making more informed choices about relationships based on better understanding of the nature and benefits of marriage at the heart of family life

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access to relationships education and to signpost people to high quality support. Our conference in December 2013 will explore the impact of separation on children, why relationships education is needed, and how a step-change in access to relationships education may be brought about. The involvement of the leading providers of relationships education in the conference will provide a strong platform for continuing work in this area.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Marriage Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report 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 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 UK Accounting Standards 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 charitable company will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees 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.

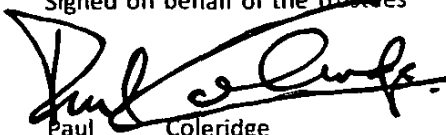
#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

James Francis ACA has been re-appointed as the independent examiner for the ensuing year.

#### SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

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

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Signed on behalf of the trustees  
  
Paul Coleridge  
Trustee

19 December 2013

**The Marriage Foundation**

**Independent Examiner's Report  
Period Ended 31 August 2013**

I report on the financial statements of the Charitable Company for the period ended 31 August 2013, which are set out on pages 12 to 18

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

The Charity's trustees (who are also the directors of Marriage Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In connection with 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 ensure accounting records are kept in accordance with section 368 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice. Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

*James Francis*

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*20 December 2013*

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**Period Ended 31 August 2013**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2013 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Voluntary Income	1	92,494		92,494
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>92,494</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>92,494</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Costs of				
Charitable activity	2	75,413		75,413
Fundraising costs	3	1,784		1,784
Governance costs	4	4,106		4,106
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>81,303</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>81,303</b>
<b>NET INCOMING FOR THE YEAR</b>	7	<b>11,191</b>		<b>11,191</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>11,191</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,191</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the period and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities

The notes on pages 14 to 18 form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet  
Period Ended 31 August 2013

BALANCE SHEET  
31 AUGUST 2013

	Note	2013 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	6	1,000
Cash at Bank		<u>26,734</u>
		<b><u>27,734</u></b>
<b>CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)</b>	7	16,543
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>11,191</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		11,191
<b>NET TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>11,191</u></b>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted Income Funds	8	11,191
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b><u>11,191</u></b>

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477

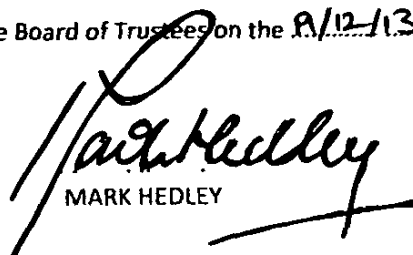
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- 1 The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period in question in accordance with section 476;
- 2 The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 19/12/13 and are signed on their behalf by

  
PAUL COLERIDGE

  
MARK HEDLEY

Company Registration Number: 08002851

The notes on pages 14 to 18 form part of these financial statements

**The Marriage Foundation****Notes to the Financial Activities Statements  
Period Ended 31 August 2013****ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

**Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as, after making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future at the time of approving the financial statements.

**Incoming resources**

- Voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty
- Grant income is included when the related conditions to the grant have been met
- Donations are credited to the revenue account when received
- All other income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

**Fund accounting****Unrestricted general funds**

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund, which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held to finance both working capital and capital investment.

**Restricted funds**

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

**Resources expended**

- All resources are accounted for on an accruals basis.
- Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary and grant related income
- Direct charitable expenditure included the direct costs of the activities and depreciation on related assets
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.
- Support costs including central functions and where such costs relate to more than one functional cost category, they have been apportioned in line with direct salary costs of the relevant service



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**Operating lease agreements**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease

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## 1. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2013 £
Donations	92,494		92,494
	<b>92,494</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>92,494</b>

## 2. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2013 £
Contribution towards staff cost	40,000		40,000
Office costs	2,006		2,006
Consultancy costs	28,400		28,400
Advertising & Publicity	3,157		3,157
Rent	1,850		1,850
	<b>75,413</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>75,413</b>

The Relationships Foundation has supported the launch of the Marriage Foundation Funds that were raised for this project prior to the registration of the Marriage Foundation as a charity are accounted for within the Relationships Foundation accounts. Relationships Foundation staff continues to provide the secretariat and office base for the Marriage Foundation with three staff spending up to half their time on Marriage Foundation work. As part of the Relationships Foundation's continuing support for the Marriage Foundation in its start-up phase, staff and related office costs have not been fully charged to the Marriage Foundation. Expenses directly incurred by the Marriage Foundation are paid by the Marriage Foundation.

## 3. FUNDRAISING COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2013 £
Travel & subsistence	1,716		1,716
Entertainment	68		68
	<b>1,784</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,784</b>

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## 4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Accountancy fees	2,872		2,872
Bank charges	710		710
Telephone	204		204
Sundry expenses	320		320
	<u>4,106</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,106</u>

## Particulars of employees:

There were no employees during the period.

## 5. DEBTORS

	2013 £
Gift Aid	1,000
	<u>1,000</u>

## 6. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2013 £
Inter company account	15,418
Accruals	1,125
	<u>16,543</u>

## 7. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 22-Mar-12 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31-Aug-13 £
General funds	0	92,494	81,303	11,191
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>92,494</u>	<u>81,303</u>	<u>11,191</u>

## 8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

None of the members of the Board of Trustees received any remuneration during this period.

During the period, no Trustees received reimbursements of personal travel and subsistence expenditure.

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**9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Marriage Foundation is regarded as a related party of The Relationships Foundation (Charity no 1106460), as a result of having a common Trustee/Director

During the period income of £24,665 was donated from third parties to The Marriage Foundation via The Relationships Foundation

During the period expenses of £80,083 were incurred by The Relationships Foundation on behalf of The Marriage Foundation and subsequently recharged to The Marriage Foundation

At the balance sheet date The Marriage Foundation owed The Relationships Foundation £15,418 This loan is interest free and has no fixed date for repayment.

**10. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

In the event of a winding-up of the company, the liability of the members is restricted to £1