

THE MARRIAGE FOUNDATION
Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 AUGUST 2015

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THE MARRIAGE FOUNDATION COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

Registered charity name	The Marriage Foundation
Charity number	11050453
Company registration number	08002851
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Patrons	Baroness Butler-Sloss Baroness Deech Baroness Shackleton Lady Toulson

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:

- More children growing up with both their birth parents, and fewer children whose wellbeing and life chances are diminished through experiencing broken relationships.
- Fewer adults experiencing the emotional pain and financial costs of broken relationships.
- And less cost to society – not the current £48 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, more stronger and longer-lasting marriages will be a product of our individual choices, behaviour and culture. 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 who 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.

Chairman's Statement

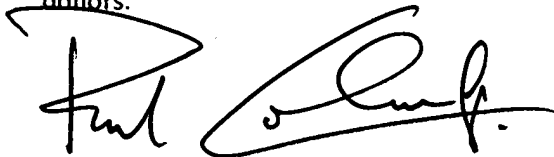
Chairman's Statement for the Year 2014/15

I am delighted to introduce the report and accounts for 2014/15.

Since Marriage Foundation's launch in May 2012 our aim has been to champion the case for marriage as the best and most effective means of combatting family breakdown with all its attendant public and private cost and pain. It is an enormous encouragement that during the past year it can be clearly seen that we have begun to make a real impact, with very much more informed and positive comment about marriage from a range of commentators and public figures.

Family breakdown is currently costing the country £48 billion a year. We are convinced by the evidence that putting stable marriage back at the heart of our society is the major driver of improvement in this area. The massive increase in unmarried cohabitation since the 1980s is the biggest cause of the huge increase in family breakdown. Your relationship is six times more likely to fail if you do not marry. Of course, behind the dry statistics are personal stories of both great pain and lasting satisfaction. While most people still aspire to marry the demographic trends indicate that marriage has become less accessible for some and there is an increasing marriage gap between rich and poor. The deliberate and public act of commitment that is marriage makes a difference to family stability and children's life chances. We are determined to see more people form and maintain healthy and stable relationships and we must not be shy about raising these issues.

While we continue to organise high-level meetings and conferences and engage in ground-breaking projects with a variety of partners across the civil society and public sector, at the heart of our success is the authoritative reputation we have established in the public mind through the regular production of original research which is eagerly taken up by all sections of the media including TV and radio. Although our voices are beginning to be heard a lot still remains to be done and as always we are hugely grateful to all those who have helped and supported us as partners, advisers or donors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Coleridge', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Sir Paul Coleridge

Founder and Chairman

27th May 2016.....

**Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 August 2015**

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 year ended 31 August 2015.

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
Sir Mark Hedley
Edward Coleridge
William Coleridge

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution

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 advice on the strategy and development of programmes.

Sarah Abell is a life and relationships coach and author.

Edmund P Adamus is the Director for Marriage and Family Life Archdiocese of Westminster.

Rehna Azim is a family law barrister specializing in child care law.

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

Samantha Callan is Parliamentary Advisor to Lord Farmer.

Pamela Collis has specialised in family law for over 30 years and is a Consultant for Family Law in Partnership.

Chris Ford is CEO of Explore who work with young people in schools explaining and encouraging lasting relationships and marriage.

Rachel Gardner is 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.

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

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

Mark Molden is Chief Executive of Marriage Care.

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 is Head of Public Policy at the Christian Medical Fellowship.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold an amount in free reserves equivalent to 3 month's salary costs. The free reserves as at 31 August 2015 did not meet this target. The operation of this policy is being reviewed in the light of a general move towards project-based funding.

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

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 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 Marriage Foundation during its early operations.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Objectives

The objects of 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.
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 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; and
- 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, 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.

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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.

Activities

During the year, we have continued our programme of research, media engagement, conferences and events, and development of practical initiatives. Full details of all of these are on our website.

Research

We have continued 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. The main focus of our research during the past year has been the socio-economic background factors known to influence family stability. Our research has revealed a widening marriage gap between rich and poor, with 90% of the well-off marrying compared to just 25% of the poorest. This means diminished family stability and poorer outcomes in children's well-being and life-chances among the least well off. Our research on the differences in stability between marriage and cohabitation was also widely reported.

Media comment

Our strong media presence across the national press, TV and both national and local radio is based on our own research as well as drawing on our experience and understanding of healthy relationship formation in response to topical issues. Over the year 19 stories received widespread media coverage drew on Marriage Foundation research and/or comment. Issues covered have included the effects of divorce and parental conflict on children, the difference between marriage and cohabitation, the trend away from marriage and its cost to the society, as well as the correlation between marriage and relationship success.

Our blog, Modern Marriage, continues to build a strong reputation. In the blog our Research Director Harry Benson covered topics such as the marriage tax allowance, marriage gap between the rich and poor and celebrity marriage.

Conferences and events

On September 25th 2014, Sir Paul Coleridge co-hosted and spoke at a conference titled "Family Law meets Attachment Science: making better decisions for children" organised by The Mindful Policy Group (MPG). The conference, which was attended by leading members of the family court judiciary and other professionals, focused on how the principles of attachment science can and must be used to improve family law in the UK, and ensure children's needs are better met.

On January 8th 2015, Marriage Foundation and the Sunday Times jointly hosted debate at the News Building entitled, "Is there a difference between marriage and cohabitation: should all cohabiting couples be treated the same?". The debate was chaired by John Humphrys from BBC Radio 4's Today programme, and speakers included founder and chairman of Marriage Foundation, Sir Paul Coleridge, Dr Samantha Callan of the Centre for Social Justice and Susan Jacklin QC, Chairman of the Family Law Bar Association.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our main purpose is to champion marriage as the 'gold standard' for couple relationships and our 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. The most significant achievements over this year have been:

- We now feel that we have been able to demonstrate, over the past three years since our launch, that we can drive the debate about the advantages of marriage for us all, as individuals, families and society. We can also show from our record and projects that are being developed that we are now listened to and taken very seriously both by the media, other organisations with a concern for family relationships and politicians. We have achieved our goal of becoming the 'go to' destination on marriage related issues.
- We continue to publish ground-breaking research. Our joint research projects with individuals and public bodies – such as Professor Steve McKay at the University of Lincoln and Professor Alan Hawkins of Brigham Young University in the United States – ensure that all our work in this area is regarded as authoritative.
- Our research and projects attract considerable interest in the media. For example, in August 2015 we published our entirely novel research on the very worrying 'Marriage Gap' showing that high earners are continuing to marry and so benefit their families while the less well-off are not. And this gap is increasing alarmingly. Following the success of our conferences and our Times debate in January 2015 we have advanced plans for further similar meetings both for professionals in the field and for the wider public.
- We continue to engage 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 and twitter page and periodic events help us to develop and maintain this support base.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial outturn for the year was a deficit of £683 (2014: deficit of £164). Free reserves at 31 August 2015 were £10,344 (2014: £11,027).

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

We will continue our programme of research with a particular focus on analysis of *Understanding Society* data with input from both the University of Lincoln and Brigham Young University. While continuing our current themes around differences in stability between marriage and cohabitation, and the demographic differences between who marries and who doesn't, we also plan to examine the impact on children's mental health and wellbeing.

We will continue to maintain a strong presence in national print media and will also seek to expand our TV presence through the development of both documentaries, current affairs and drama programmes.

We will continue to advise and encourage the development of a major national initiative to promote

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family stability through social media, initially focusing on the 18-25 age group, which is expected to launch during the course of the year. We believe this represents a significant opportunity to engage with a much wider audience, and particularly those who are less likely to be engaged through our current print media profile.

Co-operation and partnership with relationship education and support charities continues to be important and we will organise and contribute to a number of events over the year which raise awareness of the importance of family stability.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees (who are also the directors of 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 FCA has been re-appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

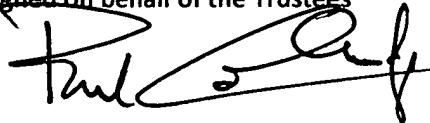
SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

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

27th May 2016

**Independent Examiner's Report
Year Ended 31 August 2015**

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2015, which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

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 year 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.

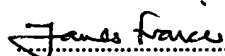
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;
- 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.



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Independent Examiner
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27th May 2016

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
Year Ended 31 August 2015

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £	Total Funds 2014 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	1	92,669	-	92,669	100,834
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		92,669	-	92,669	100,834
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of:					
Charitable activity	2	88,133	-	88,133	95,646
Fundraising costs	3	1,183	-	1,183	1,575
Governance Costs	4	4,036	-	4,036	3,777
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		93,352	-	93,352	100,998
NET OUTGOING/INCOMING FOR THE YEAR	7	(683)	-	(683)	(164)
ACCUMULATED FUNDS B/F		11,027	-	11,027	11,191
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		10,344	-	10,344	11,027

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year 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 13 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet
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BALANCE SHEET
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CURRENT ASSETS	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Debtors	5	5,826	1,000
Cash at Bank		14,658	59,784
		20,484	60,784
CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)	6	10,140	49,757
NET CURRENT ASSETS		10,344	11,027
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		10,344	11,027
NET TOTAL ASSETS		10,344	11,027
FUNDS			
Unrestricted Income Funds	7	10,344	11,027
TOTAL FUNDS		10,344	11,027

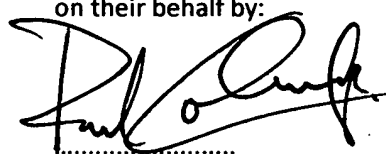
The Trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the charity keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

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 2015).

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 27th May 2016 and are signed on their behalf by:



SIR PAUL COLERIDGE



SIR MARK HEDLEY

Company Registration Number: 08002851

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Activities Statements
Year Ended 31 August 2015

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value, 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 2015).

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 include 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

Notes to the Financial Activities Statements
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1. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
	£	£	£	£
Donations	62,173	-	62,173	100,834
Grants	25,000	-	25,000	-
Funds returned from RF	3,496	-	3,496	-
Gifts	2,000	-	2,000	-
	92,669	-	92,669	100,834

During the period income of £1,477 (2014 - £2,604) was donated from third parties to the Marriage Foundation via The Relationships Foundation.

2. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
	£	£	£	£
Contribution towards staff costs	42,349	-	42,349	50,641
Office costs	236	-	236	906
Consultancy costs	42,600	-	42,600	40,800
Advertising and publicity	1,859	-	1,859	2,899
Event costs	1,089	-	1,089	400
	88,133	-	88,133	95,646

The launch of the Marriage Foundation was supported by the Relationships Foundation who continues to provide the secretariat and office base, 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, these costs are not fully charged to the Marriage Foundation. During the year £42,349 was recharged to The Relationships Foundation.

All expenses directly incurred by the Marriage Foundation are paid by the Marriage Foundation.

Consultancy costs cover the Marriage Foundation's research and media work.

3. FUNDRAISING COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
	£	£	£	£
Travel and subsistence	1,183	-	1,183	1,575
	1,183	-	1,183	1,575

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4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy fees	2,267	-	2,267	2,805
Bank charges	131	-	131	144
Legal costs	1,380	-	1,380	808
Sundry expenses	258	-	258	20
	4,036	-	4,036	3,777

Particulars of employees

There were no employees during the period.

5. DEBTORS

	2015	2014
	£	£
Other debtors	4,826	-
Gift Aid	1,000	1,000
	5,826	1,000

6. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade creditors	8,365	12,478
Other creditors	-	35,579
Accruals	1,775	1,700
	10,140	49,757

7. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 01-09-14	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31-08-15
	£	£	£	£
General Funds	11,027	92,669	93,352	10,344
Total unrestricted income funds	11,027	92,669	93,352	10,344

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8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

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

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

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 Executive Director.

During the period income of £1,477 (2014 - £2,604) was donated from third parties to the Marriage Foundation via The Relationships Foundation.

During the period expenses of £73,012 (2014 - £75,064) 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 Relationships Foundation owed the Marriage Foundation £4,826 (2014 - £35,579). This loan is interest free and has no fixed date of 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.