## Form AR21

## Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

## **Annual Return for a Trade Union**

Name of Trade Union:	The Writers Guild of Great Britain
Year ended:	31 December 2024
List no:	
Head or Main Office address:	First Floor
	134 Tooley Street
	London
Postcoo	de SE1 2TU
Website address (if available)	www.writersguild.org.uk
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes No X ('X' in appropriate box)
General Secretary:	Ms Eleanor Peers
Telephone Number:	020 7833 0777
Contact name for queries regarding the completion of this return	Mehboob Chagpar
Telephone Number:	01250 870718
E-mail:	mehboob@inspireaccountinguk.co.uk
Please follow the guidance notes in the Any difficulties or problems in the completion Officer as below or by telephone to: 0330 10	on of this return should be directed to the Certification
You should send the annual return to the following	llowing email address stating the name of the union in subject:
For Unions based in England and Wales:	returns@certoffice.org
For Unions based in Scotland:	ymw@tcyoung.co.uk_

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## **Return of Members**

(see notes 10 and 11)

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		Number of members at the end of the year							
	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic	Elsewhere Abroad (including Channel Islands)	Totals				
	2,962	31	8	73	3,074				
Total	2,962	31	8	73	A 3,074				

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		2,962	31	8		73		3,07
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Numbe	er of members at end	l of year contri	ibuting to the G	eneral Fund				3,074
Numbe held:	er of members includ	ed in totals bo	x 'A' above for	whom no home or	authorised ad	ldress is		- 10.
			Change	of Office	rs			
Please	complete the follo	wing to recor	d any changes	of officers durin	ng the twelve	months co	vered by	this returr
	Position Held		e of Officer to hold Office	Name of Officer Appointed		Date of change		
Deput	y Chair			Katharine Way		12.09.2024		)24
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State v	whether the union is							
a.	A branch of anoth	er trade unio	n?	Yes	N	10 X		
	If yes, state the na	ime of that of	ther union:					
b.	A federation of tra	de unions?		Yes	N	lo X		
	If yes, state the	number of a	ffiliated union	S:				
			and names	<b>S</b> :				

## Officers in post

(see note 12)

Please complete list of all officers in post at the end of the year to which this return relates.

Name of Officer	Position	Position held and date elected		
Ms Sandy Toksvig	President	12.09.2024		
Ms Emma Reeves	Chair	12.09.2024		
Mr William Gallagher	Deputy Chair	12.09.2024		
Ms Katharine Way	Deputy Chair	12.09.2024		
Ms Gail Renard	Treasurer	12.09.2024		
Ms Ellie Peers	General Secretary	12.09.2024		

## **General Fund**

(see notes 13 to 18)

ome £	£
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions	
From Members: Other income from members (specify)	663,50
Total other income from members	
Total of all income from members	663,501
Investment income (as at page 12)	8,719
Other Income	
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)	
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	029
Total of other income (as at page 4)	13,029
Total income	685,249
Interfund Transfers IN	
- Indicate	
Benefits to members (as at page 5)	70,157
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)	682,143
Federation and other bodies (specify)	
Affiliations and Donations	23,154
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies	23,154
Taxation	-216
Total expenditure Interfund Transfers OUT	775,238
Surplus (deficit) for year	-89,989
Amount of general fund at beginning of year	733,834

## Analysis of income from federation and other bodies and other income

(see notes 19 and 20)

Descri	ption	£
Federation and other bodies		
	Total federation and other bodies	
Any Other Sources		
Awards Income Other Income		6,500
		6,529
	Total other sources	13,029
	Total of all other income	13,029

# Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

			£
Representation –		brought forward	51,345
Employment Related Issues		Advisory Services	
Representation –		Other Cash Payments	
Non Employment Related Issues			
Legal & Professional Fees	41,846		
		Education and Training services	_
		Communications Guild Award Expenses	16,105 2,707
Communications			
Postage and Telephone  Meeting Expenses	4,287 5,212		
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
carried forward		Total (should agree with figure in	
	51,345	General Fund)	70,157

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund	2	Fund Accoun
Name:	£	£
Income		L
	From members	49,250
	Investment income (as at page 12)	79,230
	Other income (specify)	
	Total other income as specified	
	Total Income	49,250
Expenditure	Interfund Transfers IN	
	Benefits to members	10,943
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)	
	Total Expenditure	10,943
	Interfund Transfers OUT	
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	38,307
	Amount of fund at beginning of year	56,730
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	95,037
	Number of members contributing at end of year	

Fund	3	Fund Accoun
Name:	£	£
ncome		
	From members	
	Investment income (as at page 12)	
	Other income (specify)	
	Total other income as specified	
	Total Income	
	Interfund Transfers IN	
xpenditure		
	Benefits to members	
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)	
	Total Expenditure	
	Interfund Transfers OUT	
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at beginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing at end of year	

# Analysis of administrative expenses and other outgoings excluding amounts charged to political fund accounts

(see notes 34 and 35)

Administrative Expenses		£
Remuneration and expenses of staff	3.70	F00 00
Salaries and Wages included in above	520,020	520,02
Auditors' fees	520,022	40.04
Legal and Professional fees		12,344
Occupancy costs		1,716
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		66,457
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		1,579
Expenses of conferences		15,327
Other administrative expenses (specify)		10,327
Membership Systems		21,029
Computer support		33,253
Sundry		10,106
		10,100
Other Outgoings  Bank charges and interest		
Bank Glarges and Interest		310
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
tretert		The state of the s
Charried	Total	682,143
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	682,143
	Total	682,143

## Analysis of officials' salaries and benefits (see notes 36 to 46 below)

Office held	Gross Salary	Employers N.I. contributions		Benefits		Total
			Pension Contributions	Other Benefits		
				Description	Value	
	£	£	£		£	£
General Secretary	74,312	8,957	6,660			89,929

## **Analysis of investment income**

(see notes 47 and 48)

	(ooc notes 47 and 40)	
	Political Fund £	Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings		
Dividends (gross) from:		
Equities (e.g. shares)		
Interest (gross) from:		
Government securities (Gilts)		
Mortgages		
Local Authority Bonds		
Bank and Building Societies		8,719
Other investment income (specify)		
canonic modific (specify)		
		8,719
	Total investment income	8,719
	Credited to:	
	General Fund (Page 3)	8,719
	Political Fund	
	Total Investment Funds	8,719
		-1. 10

## Balance sheet as at

31 December 2024

(see notes 49 to 52)

revious Year	(See Hotes 49 (0 52)	£	£
	Fixed Assets (at page 14)		
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
	Quoted (Market value £ (	-	
	Unquoted		
	Total Investments		
	Other Assets		
	Loans to other trade unions		
64,857	Sundry debtors		65,61
847,152	Cash at bank and in hand		732,00
	Income tax to be recovered		102,00
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
	Total of other assets		797,62
912,009		Total assets	797,62
733,834	General fund (page 3)		643,84
56,730			95,03
			,
		1	
ŀ			
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-			
	Political Fund Account		
	Liabilities		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
£68,329		17.00	
	Sundry Creditors		21,169
£53,116	Accrued Expenses		37,572
2121 445			
1/1445			
£121,445 £912,009		Total liabilities  Total assets	58,741 797,623

## Fixed assets account

(see notes 53 to 57)

	Land and Freehold £	l Buildings Leasehold £	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year			51,734			51,734
Additions		Die in				
Disposals	Will be					
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			51,734			51,734
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year			51,734			51,734
Charges for year						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			51,734			51,734
Net book value at end of year						
Net book value at end of previous year						

## Analysis of investments (see notes 58 and 59)

Quoted	(see notes so and sa)	All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund
	Equities (e.g. Shares)		L
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
	Total quoted (as Balance Sheet) Market Value of Quoted Investment		
	Market value of Quoted Investment		
Unquoted	Equities	16 - Dec 7 A 1974 and 17 - Dec 7 A 1974 and	
			e Army
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Made and		
	Mortgages		
	Bank and Building Societies		
	Dank and building Societies		
	Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
	Total unquoted (as Balance Sheet)	455 100000000000000000000000000000000000	
	Market Value of Unquoted Investments		

## **Summary sheet**

(see notes 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members	712,751		712,751
From Investments	8,719		8,719
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	13,029		13,029
Total Income	734,499		734,499
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Total Expenditure	786,181		786,181
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves)	790,564 738,882		790,564 738,882
Assets		,	
	Fixed Assets		
	Investment Assets		
	Other Assets		797,623
		Total Assets	797,623
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	58,741
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liab	ilities)		738,882

#### Notes to the accounts

(see notes 82 and 83)

All notes to the accounts must be entered on or attached to this part of the return.

	vention	

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities, subject to income being recognised on a cash basis rather then accrual basis. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and Companies Act 2006.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are recognised when the performance obligations have been met.

Donations

Donations to the Guild are accounted for when received.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates estimated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Office Equipment

25% on written down value

Computer Equipment

25% on written down value

Operating Leases

Rental payments in respect of operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account.

## Accounting policies

(see notes 84 and 85)

## Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 86 & 87)

Including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return. Please copy and paste your electronic signature here

cretary's gnature:		Treasurer Signature:	
Name:	J Eleanor Peers		(or other official whose position should be stated) Gail Renard
Date:	20/05/2025	Date:	20/05/25

#### Checklist

(see notes 88 to 89)

(please tick as appropriate)

las the return of change of officers been completed? see Page 2 and Note 12)	Yes	×	No
las the list of officers in post been completed? see Page 2 and Note 12)	Yes	×	No
las the return been signed? see Pages 23 and 25 and Notes 86 and 95)	Yes	×	No
las the audtor's report been completed? see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	Yes	x	No
s a rule book enclosed? see Notes 8 and 88)	Yes	x	No
member statement is: see Note 80)	Enclosed	x	To follow
las the summary sheet been completed? see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 62)	Yes	x	To follow
las the membership audit certificate been completed? see Page i to iii and Notes 97 and 103)	Yes	x	No

## **Checklist for auditor's report**

(see notes 90 and 96)

The checklist below is for guidance. A report is still required either set out overleaf or by way of an attached auditor's report that covers the 1992 Act requirements.

uno return g	inion of the auditors or auditor do the accounts they have audited and which are contained give a true and fair view of the matters to which they related? (See section 36(1) and (2) of the discrete section 36(1) and (2) of the context of the section 36(1) and (2) of the context of the section 36(1) and (2) of the context of the section 36(1) and (2) of the context
Please expl	ain in your report overleaf or attached.
2. Are the a	auditors or auditor of the opinion that the union has complied with section 28 of the nd has:
a. kept pr	oper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities; and
b. establis and all its	shed and maintained a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash holding receipts and remittances. (See section 36(4) of the 1992 Act set out in note 92)
Please exp	lain in your report overleaf or attached
3. Your aud	itors or auditor must include in their report the following wording:
n our opin	ion the financial statements:
give a tru	e and fair view of the matters to which they relate to.
have beer	prepared in accordance with the requirements of the sections 28, 32 ne Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act 1992.

## Auditor's report (continued)

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors		
Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	Post (20)	
Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	Blick Collenbury Audit-1219	
	Blick Coloribus Anlig-CLP  Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP	
Name(s):		
Name(s):	Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP	
Name(s): Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP	
Name(s): Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP Chartered Accountants	
Name(s): Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP Chartered Accountants  16 Great Queen Street	
Name(s): Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP  Chartered Accountants  16 Great Queen Street  Covent Garden	
Name(s): Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP  Chartered Accountants  16 Great Queen Street  Covent Garden  London	
Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:  Name(s):  Profession(s) or Calling(s):  Address(es):  Postcode	Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP  Chartered Accountants  16 Great Queen Street  Covent Garden  London	
Name(s): Profession(s) or Calling(s): Address(es): Postcode	Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP  Chartered Accountants  16 Great Queen Street  Covent Garden  London  WC28 5AH	

N.B. When notes to the account are referred to in the auditor's report a copy of those notes must accompany this return.

## **ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024** 

#### **ACCOUNTS**

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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## STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The legislation relating to trade unions requires the Guild to submit a return for each calendar year to the Certification Officer. This return contains accounts which must give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Guild at the year end and of its transactions for the year then ended. The accounts set out on the following pages have been prepared on the same basis and are used to complete the return to the Certification Officer.

In relation to the Writers' Guild of Britain the requirement to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view is the responsibility of the Executive Council. The Executive Council is responsible for preparing accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). In so doing the Executive Council is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The Executive Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records and establishing and maintaining a satisfactory system of control over its records and transactions in order to comply with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Guild and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF

#### THE WRITERS' GUILD OF GREAT BRITAIN

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accounts of Writers' Guild of Great Britain (the "Guild") for the year ended 31 December 2024, set out on pages 8 to 17, which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet, the accounting policies and the notes to the accounts. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) as noted in the accounting policies.

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Guild's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its profit for the year then ended.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Guild in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the accounts, we have concluded that the Executive Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Guild's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the members of the Executive Council with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We are required by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended) to report to you by exception in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

- A satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained.
- The Guild has not kept proper accounting records.
- The accounts are not in agreement with the books of account.
- We have not received all the information and explanations we need for our audit.

We have nothing to report to you in respect of the above matters.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The members of the Executive Council are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the accounts themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibilities of the Executive Council

As explained more fully in the Executive Council responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the Executive Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Executive Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the Executive Council is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the members of the Executive Council either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these accounts.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the entity through discussions with the Executive Council and other management;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the accounts or the operations of the entity, including employment legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Guild's accounts to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
   and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing accounts disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the Executive Council and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Guild's Executive Council as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the entity's Executive Council those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 Guild and its Executive Council, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP

Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor

16 Great Queen Street Covent Garden London WC2B 5AH

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

#### **GENERAL FUND**

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	NOTE	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME			
Subscriptions		663,501	633,625
Other income		21,748	10,786
		685,249	644,411
EXPENDITURE			
Staff costs		520,022	462,994
Membership Activity and Communication Costs	2	70,157	60,634
Premises and Equipment Costs	3	99,710	79,845
Administration Expenses	4	85,565	72,569
		775,454	676,042
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		(90,205)	(31,631)
CORPORATION TAX REPAYABLE	5	216	6,010
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		(89,989)	(25,621)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		733,834	759,455
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		643,845	733,834

There are no recognised gains and liabilities other than those passing through the income and expenditure account.

#### BALANCE SHEET

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	NOTE		2024	2023	
FIXED ASSETS		£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	6		0		0
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors and Prepayments	7	17,133		22,085	
Loans to Members (Welfare Fund)		48,485		42,772	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		732,005		847,152	
	-	797,623		912,009	
CURRENT LIABILITI Royalties collected for Members	ES	21,169		68,329	
Creditors and Accruals	8	37,572		53,116	
		58,741		121,445	
NET CURRENT ASSET	rs		738,882		790,564
Represented by:	tona.		738,882		790,564
GENERAL FUND			643,845		733,834
WELFARE FUND			95,037		56,730
	-		738,882		790,564

ELEANOR PEERS CHEAT GENERAL SECRETARY
EMMA REEVES (Ma Clear) CHAIR
Approved for issue to the members:

## THE WRITERS' GUILD OF GREAT BRITAIN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### Accounting convention

"The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities, subject to income being recognised on a cash rather than accruals basis. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and Companies Act 2006"

#### **Subscriptions**

Subscriptions are recognised when the performance obligations have been met.

#### **Donations**

Donations to the Guild are accounted for when received.

#### **Expenditure**

All expenditure in the accounts is inclusive of VAT where applicable.

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates estimated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Office Equipment 25% on written down value

Computer equipment 25% on written down value

#### **Operating Leases**

Rental payments in respect of operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1	OTHER INCOME	2024 £	2023 £
	Bank interest	8,719	7,630
	Awards Income	6,500	2,546
	Other Income	1,507	610
	Admin Charge on Royalties	5,022	0
		21,748	10,786
2	MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY AND CO	OMMUNICATION COSTS	
	Postage and Telephone	4,287	4,258
	Meetings Expenses	5,212	3,465
	Guild Awards Expenses	2,707	1,309
	Legal Representation	41,846	41,330
	Communications	16,105	10,272
		70,157	60,634

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3	PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT COSTS	2024 £	2023 £
	Rent Rates and Utilities	55,480	53,592
	Insurance	4,599	4,609
	Repairs and Maintenance	3,254	4,268
	Equipment Hire	3,124	3,294
	Computer Support	33,253	14,082
	Depreciation	0	0
		99,710	79,845
4	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
	Membership System	21,029	21,561
	Stationary	1,579	523
	Travelling and Subsistence	15,327	7,720
	Affiliation Fees	23,154	20,659
	Audit and Accountancy	12,344	11,880
	Bank charges and Interest	310	303
	Sundry	10,106	7,976
	Contract Vetting Fee	1,716	1,947
	- -	85,565	72,569

#### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

## 5 TAX CHARGE ON SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

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			2024 £	2023 £
	Corporation Tax Change for the year		(216)	(6,010)
6	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	COST	£	£	£
	At 1st January 2024	18,066	33,668	51,734
	Additions	-	-	-
	Disposals	-	-	-
	At 31st December 2024	18,066	33,668	51,734
	DEPRECIATION			
	At 1st January 2024	18,066	33,668	51,734
	Disposals	-	-	-
	Charges for the Year			
	At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024	18,066	33,668	51,734
	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 31st December 2024	0	0	0
	At 31st December 2023	0	0	0

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## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

7	DEBTORS	2024 £	2023 £
	Due within one year		
	Trade Debtors Prepayments Other Debtors	0 17,133 0	0 14,474 7,611
		17,133	22,085
8	CREDITORS: Amounts Falling due within one year	2024	2023
		£	£
	Trade Creditors Corporation Tax Other taxes and Social Security Accruals and Deferred Income	14,155 0 12,479 10,938	6,494 0 13,294 33,328
			33,328
		37,572	53,116

## 9 OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2024, there were annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	2024 £	2023 £
Operating Lease Which Expires		
In Less Than Five Years	37,400	37,400

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

## WELFARE FUND

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS	2024 £	2023 £
Donations (members)	49,250	1,050
	49,250	1,050
EXPENDITURE		
Grants to Members Welfare Loans Written off	6,800 4,143	0
	10,943	0
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	38,307	1,050
BALANCES BOUGHT FORWARD	56,730	55,680
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	95,037	56,730

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

#### **ROYALTIES ACCOUNT**

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS	2024 £	2023 £
Royalties received	45,590	342
	45,590	342
PAYMENTS		
Distribution to Members Donations to Welfare Fund	37,728 55,022	41
	92,750	41
NET INCREASE	(47,160)	301
MONIES HELD FOR DISTRIBUTION B/FWD	68,329	68,028
MONIES HELD FOR REDISTRIBUTION C/FWD	21,169	68,329

Information to be provided to Members as required under the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended) for the year ended 31 December 2024

#### SUMMARY OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS PROVIDED

During the year, the General Secretary received a gross salary of £74,312 and Pension Contributions of £6,660.

The President and the members of the Executive Council do not receive any salaries or any benefits. They are reimbursed for any expenditure incurred by them in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Guild as is the General Secretary.

#### **DECLARATION TO MEMBERS**

We are also required by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended) to include the following declaration in this statement to all members. The wording is as prescribed by the Act.

"A member who is concerned that some irregularity may be occurring, or have occurred, in the conduct of the financial affairs of the union may take steps with the view to investigating further, obtaining clarification and, if necessary, securing regularisation of that conduct.

The member may raise any such concerns with such one or more of the following as it seems appropriate to raise it with: the officials of the union, the trustees of the property of the union, the auditor or auditors of the union, the Certification Officer (who is an independent officer appointed by the Secretary of State) and the police.

Where a member believes that the financial affairs of the union have been or are being conducted in breach of the law or in breach of rules of the union and contemplates bringing civil proceedings against the union or responsible officials or trustees, he should consider obtaining independent legal advice."

#### Membership audit certificate

## made in accordance with section 24ZD of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

(See notes 97 to 103)

At the end of the reportign period proceding the one to which this audit relates was the total membership of the trade union greater than 10,000?

#### No

If "YES" please complete SECTION ONE below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21

If "NO" please complete SECTION TWO below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21

## Membership audit certificate

## Section one

For a trade union with more than 10,000 members, required by section 24ZB of the 1992 Act to appoint an independent assurer

In the opinion of the assurer appointed by the trade union was the union's system for compiling and maintaining its register of the names and addresses of its members satisfactory to secure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the entries in its register were accurate and up-to-date throughout the reporting period?

#### Yes / No

In the opinion of the assurer has he/she obtained the inforamation and explanations necessary for the performance of his/her functions?

#### Yes / No

If the answer to either questions 1 or 2 above is "NO" the assurer must:

- (a) set out below the assurer's reasons for stating that
- (b) provide a description of the information or explanation requested or required which has not been obtained
- state whether the assurer required that information or those explanations from the union's officers, or officers of any of its branches or sections under section 24ZE of the 1992 Act
- (d) send a copy of this certificate to the Certification Officer as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is provided to the union.

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#### Section two

For a trade union with no **more than 10,000 members** at the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this audit relates.

To the best of your knowledge and belief has the trade union during this reporting period complied with its duty to compile and maintain a register of the names and addresses of it members and secured, so far asis reasonably practicable, that the entries in the register are accurate and up-to-date?

#### Yes

If "No" Please explain below:

Signature	Geen Dr.
Name	Ms Eleanor Peers
Office held	General Secretary
Date	20/05/2025