

Key Statistics on the Top UK Grant-Making Trusts

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The EFC's Research Task Force

In 2002, the European Foundation Centre (EFC) formed a Research Task Force, comprised of representatives from EU member states, to jointly look at ways of monitoring and measuring foundation activities in the EC. The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) is a member of this Task Force, and represents the UK at the quarterly meetings.

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The Charities Aid Foundation	UK

During the Spring of 2004, CAF Research produced the key statistics on UK GMTs as part of this research project.

Background to the research

In November 2002, the Task Force agreed that each member country would undertake a programme of research to investigate various key indicators concerning foundations and grant-making trusts in their country, in order to provide comparable statistics between member countries, and to provide an aggregate European-wide picture. During 2003, the key statistics that would be gathered were agreed by the Task Force members.

Individual countries could gather the data through whatever method was most appropriate for them, such as a stand-alone paper survey, inclusion of questions into an existing annual survey, or data mining from an existing database. CAF Research decided to extract data from a large database that is used for the annual Charity Trends publication. This provided all the UK's key statistics for this piece of research, with a focus on the top 500 grant-making trusts. The work was undertaken during the Winter of 2003 and Spring 2004, and the results were sent to the EFC in May 2004, to enable them to begin the analysis of the data from each member country, and to produce

comparisons and aggregate data for the European level. These findings are available from the EFC website. www.efc.be

The key statistics that were gathered on UK grant-making trusts are provided here:

UK Data Key Variables (2001-02)

Total number of foundations in the UK	8,800
How many foundations does this data refer to	500
Number of independent foundations in the top 500	476
Number of corporate foundations in the top 500	23
Number of governmentally-linked foundations in the top 500	1
Number of community foundations	30
How many of the foundations in the top 500 do fundraising	18

Income:	£	€
Total income of top 500 foundations	2,837,000,000	4,482,460,000

Grant-making expenditure:	£	€
The Wellcome Trust	388,100,000	613,198,000
The Community Fund	351,000,000	554,580,000
The British Heart Foundation	63,911,000	100,979,380
Cancer Research UK	58,700,000	92,746,000
The Wolfson Foundation	40,533,000	64,042,140
Macmillan Cancer Relief	37,784,000	59,698,720
The Gatsby Charitable Foundation	37,373,000	59,049,340
British Academy (for the promotion of Historical, Philosophical & Philological Studies)	35,535,000	56,145,300
Garfield Weston	32,961,000	52,078,380
Oxfam	31,321,000	49,487,180
Christian Aid	30,691,000	48,491,780
Royal Society	29,693,000	46,914,940
The PPP Foundation	25,811,000	40,781,380
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	24,894,000	39,332,520
Comic Relief	24,463,000	38,651,540
Total value of grant-making expenditure of the top 500 foundations	2,045,000,000	3,231,100,000

Assets:	£	€
The Wellcome Trust	11,265,700,000	17,799,806,000
Garfield Weston	2,286,844,000	3,613,213,520
The Leverhulme Trust	1,080,795,000	1,707,656,100
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	639,251,000	1,010,016,580
The Wolfson Foundation	635,134,000	1,003,511,720
The PPP Foundation	537,286,000	848,911,880
The Gatsby Charitable Foundation	461,772,000	729,599,760
The Community Fund	401,561,000	634,466,380
The Tudor Trust	335,774,000	530,522,920
Shetland Islands Council Charitable Trusts	270,788,000	427,845,040
The Robertson Trust	221,869,000	350,553,020
Joseph Rowntree Foundation	218,551,000	345,310,580
The Nuffield Foundation	213,818,000	337,832,440
Cancer Research UK	213,000,000	336,540,000
The Rank Foundation	187,360,000	296,028,800
Total value of assets of the top 500 foundations	29,492,000,000	46,597,360,000

Fields of support:	%	£	€
Arts & Culture	9	274,891,841	434,329,109
Education & Initial Training	10	291,728,776	460,931,467
Science	1	32,245,467	50,947,837
Social Science	0	0	0
Environment	4	127,614,244	201,630,506
Animal Welfare	1	33,673,871	53,204,716
Recreation & Sports	2	53,306,831	84,224,794
Health	16	497,874,863	786,642,284
Social Services	19	580,631,136	917,397,195
Religion	8	249,636,438	394,425,572
Community Development & Housing	4	136,032,712	214,931,685
Civil Society, Law & Civil Rights	1	35,071,883	55,413,575
Philanthropy/Voluntarism & Non-Profit Infrastructure	1	18,234,948	28,811,217
International Development & Relations	4	120,624,181	190,586,206
Not Elsewhere Classified	19	582,029,148	919,606,054
Employment	0	5,662,442	8,883,459
Total	100	3,039,158,000	4,801,869,640