

The Joint Mathematical Council of the United Kingdom

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024

Who is the JMC?

1. **Governance** The Joint Mathematical Council of the United Kingdom (also known as 'The JMC') is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, Registered Charity Number: 1171223. The JMC's governing document is its Constitution.
2. **Address** The JMC's principal office is in England at De Morgan House, 57-58 Russell Square, London, WC1B 4HS but all correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary (currently: Mr Chris Chipperton) at secretary@jmc.org.uk. The JMC's website can be found at www.jmc.org.uk.
3. **Membership** The membership of the JMC consists of its Officers, Participating Bodies, Co-opted Members and Observing Bodies; during the period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024 these were:

Officers

Chair	Andy Noyes
Deputy Chair	Noel-Ann Bradshaw
Secretary	Chris Chipperton
Treasurer	Jennie Golding (till November 2023); Fiona Curtis (from November 2023)

Unattached Trustees

Tom Roper (till November 2023)
Beth Kelly (from June 2023)

Participating Bodies

Body

Adults Learning Mathematics

Association of Mathematics Education Teachers
Association of Teachers of Mathematics
British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics
British Society for the History of Mathematics
Edinburgh Mathematical Society
Heads of Departments of Mathematical Sciences
Institute of Mathematics and its Applications
London Mathematical Society

The Mathematical Association
Mathematics in Education and Industry
National Association for Numeracy and
Mathematics in Colleges
National Association of Mathematics Advisers
National Numeracy
NRICH
Operational Research Society
Royal Academy of Engineering
Royal Statistical Society
Scottish Mathematical Council
STEM Learning
United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Wales Institute of Mathematical and
Computational Sciences

Authorised Representative

Beth Kelly (till June 2023)
Diane Dalby (from June 2023)
Fiona Curtis
Helen Madeley
Alf Coles
June Barrow-Green
Andrew Wilson
Mary McAlinden
Paul Glaister
Kevin Houston (till November 2023)
Mary McAlinden (from November 2023)
Ems Lord
Charlie Stripp

Andrew Davies
Ruth Trundley
Paul Milner
Ems Lord
Chiara Carparelli
Juliet Upton
Zoe Nye
Alan Walker
Michael Anderson
Hannah Telfer (till January 2024)
Dianne Flatt (from January 2024)

Sofya Lyakhova

Co-opted Members

UK Representative to the International Commission
on Mathematics Education Paul Glaister

Social Media Lead

Richard Perring

Observing Bodies

Body

Department for Education [England]
Department of Education [Northern Ireland]
Education Scotland
National Centre for Excellence in the
Teaching of Mathematics
Office for Standards in Education
The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation
The Royal Society
The Royal Society Advisory Committee
on Mathematics Education
Scottish Qualifications Authority
Welsh Government Education Directorate

Authorised Representative

Alex Smith/Catherine Mackenzie
Julie Harris
John Neeson
Sue Madgwick
Hannah Stoten/Steve Wren
Sarah Old
Cath Boulton
Anthony Tomei
Sue Pope (till May 2024)
Georgina Holmes (from May 2024)
Lian Crierie

4. **Trustees** The trustees are the officers, Elected Trustees and Co-opted Trustees. The Elected Trustees and the Co-opted Trustees must be Authorised Representatives of Participating Bodies at the time of their appointment.

Trustees for the period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024:

Noel-Ann Bradshaw	Deputy Chair (retires November 2024; eligible for re-election)
Chris Chipperton	Secretary (retires November 2025; not eligible for re-election)
Fiona Curtis	Treasurer (from November 2023; eligible for re-election)
Jennie Golding	Treasurer (retired November 2023)
Kevin Houston	Co-opted Trustee (retired November 2023)
Beth Kelly	Elected Trustee (retires November 2024; not eligible for re-election)
Ems Lord	Co-opted Trustee (from November 2023 till August 2024)
Sofya Lyakhova	Co-opted Trustee (till November 2023)
	Elected Trustee (from November 2023 till November 2024)
Andy Noyes	Chair (retires November 2024; not eligible for re-election)
Tom Roper	Elected Trustee (retired November 2023)
Ruth Trundle	Co-opted Trustee (from November 2023; first co-opted November 2023)

The JMC has no corporate trustees. No trustee holds title to property belonging to the JMC. The JMC does not act as a Custodian Trustee for any other charity.

What does the JMC do?

5. **Objects** The JMC's Constitution states that 'The objects of the Council are, for the public benefit, to advance the knowledge, understanding, study and education of the public in the subject of mathematics, including by:
- sharing knowledge, best practice and teaching methods amongst individuals and organisations teaching mathematics; and
 - liaising with mathematical bodies, national education policy makers and government in furthering the objects.'
6. **Incorporation** The JMC was incorporated on 20 January 2017 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is the successor to the unincorporated Joint Mathematical Council of the United Kingdom which was founded in 1962 and first met in 1963. The old body was dissolved on 17 August 2017 and the minutes of its final meetings, its final report and its final accounts were approved at the meeting of the new body on 14 November 2017.
7. **Meetings** For the furtherance of its objects, the JMC normally holds General Meetings three times a year to promote communication between mathematical bodies in the United Kingdom. General Meetings were held on 9 November 2023 (which was also the Annual General Meeting), 22 February 2024 and 13 June 2024. Meetings of the Trustees preceded these meetings. The General Meetings received reports from Participating Bodies and Observing Bodies as well as from JMC representatives on external bodies, and discussed issues of concern raised. The afternoon sessions were given over to the discussion of topics: Adult Numeracy (9 November); International Comparisons/PISA (22 February); AI in mathematics education.

An additional meeting was held on 5 October 2023. This gave the opportunity to consider RS ACME's Maths Futures discussion paper: *A new approach to mathematics and data education*.

8. **Commissioned Reports** A call for expressions of interest to undertake a piece of work on *Developing data skills across the mathematics curriculum* was put out early in 2024. The report is due to be completed in time for the November General Meeting.
9. **British Congress of Mathematics Education Committee** It is hoped to hold BCME10 around Easter 2026. An organising committee was formed in June 2023 with Ed Southall and Ruth Trundle as co-chairs.
10. **International Congress of Mathematics Education Bursaries Committee** (Chair: Paul Glaister) International Congresses of Mathematics Education are scheduled to be held every four years. ICME-15 was held in Sydney, Australia in July 2024.
11. **Meeting of Mathematics Subject Associations Special Interest Group** (Honorary Secretary: Diane Lloyd) This group was established as a SIG of the JMC on 9th June 2017. MMSA consists of five associations, AMET, ATM, MA, NANAMIC and NAMA. NCETM and The Royal Society also attend meetings. Each subject association covers its own costs for the attendance of two representatives. The MMSA organisations have continued to develop arrangements for their possible merger.
12. **Relationships with other bodies** The JMC has the following relationships with other bodies.
The JMC is a member of the Council for Subject Associations.
The JMC is a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

The JMC also has the following relationships with other bodies as part of which the JMC neither makes payment nor receives payment:

The London Mathematical Society generously allows the JMC to use its address as the address of the JMC's principal office.
The Royal Society includes the Chair of the JMC among the members of its Advisory Committee on Mathematics Education.
The JMC is also represented at other meetings from time to time.
The JMC has no employed staff or paid consultants.
13. **Public Benefit** The Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit guidance of the Charity Commission of England and Wales when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The JMC's finances and governance

14. **Context** A considerable amount from the subscription income is used to meet the cost of up to three face-to-face meetings each year. Decreased meeting costs due to the pandemic and rail strikes allowed for an increased amount to be spent on commissioned project work as the JMC continues to further its objects. The funds relating to the British Congress of Mathematics Education are held in a restricted fund devoted to the holding of such conferences.
15. **Financial Position** The report on the JMC's financial position is included with the Annual Accounts which accompany this report.
16. **Reserves** The Trustees have adopted a policy on general reserves; the 'JMC will maintain reserves of approximately twice the annual ordinary turnover at the financial low-point of the year (typically after payment of November meeting costs, before new year's subscription invoices are paid). The majority of this reserve will be kept in a deposit account and/or other investment account approved by the trustees.'

The Trustees have also adopted a policy on reserves relating to the BCME Restricted Fund; the 'JMC will aim to maintain reserves of 15–20% of BCME turnover, derived from BCME operating surpluses, as a restricted fund which will be (at least largely) kept in the above-mentioned or other deposit/investment account(s) over periods of low BCME-related activity. The manner of such investment will be approved by trustees, who will endeavour to steward such monies prudently.'
17. **Grant Making** Apart from the bursaries to BCME and its involvement in organising bursaries for those attending the International Congresses of Mathematics Education which are also held every four years, the JMC does not make grants.
18. **Social Investment** JMC does not make social investments.

19. **Constitution** At the General Meeting on 13 June 2024, Council unanimously resolved to amend the Constitution with a new clause 12.5.7 *Where a Deputy Chair is elected Chair, Council may resolve for the maximum number of consecutive terms to be served to be extended to three.* Existing clauses 12.5.7 to 12.5.12 to be renumbered accordingly.
20. **Bye Laws** The Trustees have reviewed the JMC's Bye Laws during the year.
21. **Policies** The Trustees have reviewed the JMC's policies during the year.
- The Bye Laws and policies, as well the Constitution, can be found at <http://www.jmc.org.uk/documents.htm>.

During the year the Trustees have reviewed the risk register.

Declaration

22. **Approval** The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Chris Chipperton

Secretary

26 September 2024