Summary of Financial Results 2012-13

Statement of Financial Activities

Income £
- Voluntary income 229,783
- Training and consultancy 111,125
- Trading subsidiary 522,261
- Member services 69,040
- Promoting social inclusion 816,965
- Advice and publications 488,005
- Other income 52,295
- Total 2,300,475

Net Assets £
- Fixed assets 119,084
- Current assets 452,159
- Liabilities (426,638)
- Net assets before pension liability 144,605
- Defined benefit pension scheme (1,428,000)
- Net liabilities (1,283,395)

Expenses £
- Cost of generating voluntary income 186,322
- Training and consultancy 138,184
- Trading subsidiary 478,633
- Member services 285,508
- Disabled people’s involvement 723,475
- Advice and publications 270,318
- Governance 60,667
- Other costs 97,594
- Total 2,294,034

Surplus for the year 6,441

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With thanks to our Funders

We would like to thank our funders and supporters for their funding and kind donations through the year and for their continuing support in 2013 including:

- The Henry Smith Charity
- Headway Trust
- Esmee Fairbairn Foundation
- City Bridge Trust
- Lord Borwick
- Lloyds Banking Group
- GD Herbert Charitable Trust
- VISA
- Barclays
- Leathersellers
- Department of Health
- Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- Office for Disability Issues

A special thanks also to all our members and supporters who enable us to deliver our priorities and strengthen our voice.
The story so far

In our first full year (April 2012 – March 2013) we reached over a million people with information developed by and for disabled people and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005).

We are disabled people leading change

Disability Rights UK is the largest UK organisation led by people with all types of impairment or health condition. We were born in 2012 from a 3-way merger. We are:

Led by people with lived experience of disability: 92% of our Trustees are disabled people (and it will never fall below 75%, in line with our constitution)

Committed to working with and for people with all types of impairment and health conditions: our Trustees and senior staff include people with mental health issues, physical health conditions, hearing impairments, visual impairments, learning difficulties, mobility impairments and more

A member-led charity, with disabled people and organisations led by disabled people having the voting control

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Launched a new website at www.disabilityrightsuk.org with 674,000 unique visitors in year one

Engaged over 5,000 disabled people in our campaigns, through regional events across the country, conferences and surveys

Distributed products, from Radar keys to new education and work projects led by disabled people

Served over 7,000 disabled people directly

Launched guided DPO practice materials in supporting people to use personal budgets to manage their own support and live independent lives

Enabled thousands of disabled people to have a voice

Engaged over 5,000 disabled people in our campaigns, through regional events across the country, conferences and surveys

Worked with local Disabled People’s Organisations to show the power of projects led by disabled people

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Influenced government to make significant improvements to Access to Work: extending it to work experience and traineeships, promoting it (so numbers are now beginning to rise), ending the ‘standard list’ of what would not be funded, stopping cost sharing with small employers

Pushed portable social care to the top of the government’s agenda

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Provided the Secretariat to the increasingly influential All-party Parliamentary Disability Group, which brings disabled people’s voices into Parliament

We have streamlined the organisation and are working not as three merged organisations but as one team of 24 people, with energy and commitment focused on achieving disabled people’s rights. In a tough economic environment we have a balanced budget and a plan to build reserves. In 2012-13 we broke even and we project a surplus in 2013-2014.

We want greater equality at work – a reduced gap between disabled and non-disabled people’s employment and pay

Our plans and priorities for 2013-2015

Disability Rights UK’s top two priorities for 2013-2015 are:

Independent living: getting a life

We want to see more disabled people exercising choice and control over our support and our lives, to realise the human right to participate fully in society

Our top campaign will be for independent living in practice

We will reach thousands with new interactive resources and video stories to support using personal budgets and benefits to get a life – to participate in everything from sport to family and community

Career opportunities: getting work, education and skills

We want greater equality at work – a reduced gap between disabled and non-disabled people’s employment and pay

Our top campaign will be led by young disabled people, demanding better career opportunities

We will support thousands through new interactive resources – on getting Apprenticeships, self employment, jobs and benefits

These will be underpinned by two organisational priorities:

Building voice and reach: active, engaged members

We aim to increase individual members from 500 to 2,000 by March 2015; and organisational members from 300 to 500. We will work for active member engagement in our work and campaigns

Creating a recognised and respected organisation

We aim to be recognised as an authentic, authoritative organisation giving expert advice – the go-to organisation led by disabled people on our priorities of getting a life and career opportunities.