

Forres Youth Space Project SCIO

Accounts

25 March 2024 to 30 September 2024

**Charity No:
SC053081**

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	25	03	2024	To	30	09	2024

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity Name	Forres Youth Space Project SCIO
Other names charity is known by	The Gaff
Registered charity number	SC053081
Charity's principal address	Town Hall
	High Street
	Forres
	IV36 1PB

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Stuart Andrew Finlayson	Chair		
2 Sian Louise Finlayson			
3 Norma Matheson	Secretary (now treasurer)		
4 Rhona McNicol		from 16 April 2024	
5 Lindsay Black		from 27 Jan 2025	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Kevin Skivington	29 March 2024 - 24 March 2025
Kelly Warren	15 April 2024 - 27 January 2025

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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

This SCIO was incorporated on 25 March 2024 as a result of the conversion of a charitable company Forres Youth Space Project Limited (SC784306)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Initial trustees Stuart Finlayson, Sian Finlayson and Norma Matheson created the organisation and further trustees were appointed following a lengthy period of volunteering where they demonstrated personal skills and commitment to developing the charity and support to the young people of Forres.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Purposes: "the prevention or relief of poverty", "the advancement of education", "the advancement of citizenship or community development", "the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended"

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The company's objects are to operate in relation to young people within the Forres Academy "catchment area" ("the Area") to fulfil the following purposes:-

(a) The prevention and relief of poverty by: 1. provision of a safe space for young people to socialise and build relationships 2. the provision of subsidised food and drink 3. the provision of transport to and from the venues utilised by the company 4. making available technical equipment that would otherwise be inaccessible to the young people such as computers and other digital/IT equipment and materials including software

(b) The advancement of education by: 1. making available technical equipment that would otherwise be inaccessible to the young people such as computers and other digital/IT kit 2. the offering of guidance and counselling by experienced youth workers in matters of academic achievement and further education opportunities 3. the offering and organisation of youth work activities, skills workshops, both on and off site.

(c) The advancement of citizenship or community development, including the development of civic responsibility and volunteering ethos among the young people by: 1. the offering of guidance and counselling by experienced youth workers 2. the development of relationships of trust and aspiration by the example of the volunteer personnel working within the organisation 3. the assistance of experienced youth workers in identifying and facilitating volunteering opportunities both within the organisation and in local community activities and projects 4. helping the young people to become recognised and valued contributors to the many existing volunteer organisations within the Area.

d) The provision of recreational facilities and/or the organisation of recreational activities by: 1. making available sports, games, and other recreational activities and equipment 2. the organisation of away days, excursions and group activities.

(e) The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage by: 1. provision of a safe space for young people to socialise and build relationships 2. the provision of subsidised food and drink 3. the provision of transport to and from the venues utilised by the company 4. ensuring the inclusion of less able young people by emphasis on accessibility of venues and activities.

(f) The pursuit of any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to the preceding purposes.

3 The company's objects are restricted to those set out in article 2 (but subject to article 4)

4 The company may (subject to first obtaining the consent of OSCR) add to, remove or alter the statement of the company's objects in article 2; on any occasion when it does so, it must give notice to the registrar of companies (Companies House) and the amendment will not be effective until that notice is registered on the register of companies.

Achievements and performance - continued

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period continued

Milestones and Achievements

The first official youth session at The Gaff! was held in August 2023 at Transition Town Forres (TTF), welcoming approximately 20 young people for a pizza night. Since then, we have continued to expand our activities, offering a range of recreational and social opportunities, including gaming, arts and crafts, traditional board games, and table sports. Food has been central to our provision, aligning with our commitment to addressing food poverty among young people. Each week, we provide nutritious meals, ensuring attendees have access to both savoury and sweet options. We have also tried hard to ensure the accessibility of the youth space by partnering with the local Osprey Bus Charity project to provide transport to and from our sessions. We would like to thank the Forres Osprey Bus Team for all their help and support. As attendance grew, we transitioned from TTF to larger premises, including Forres Town Hall and, more recently, the hall at St. Leonard's Church of Scotland. This space now serves as our primary venue, accommodating approximately 50 young people most Saturday nights.

The Gaff! has continuously evolved, with a strong focus on expanding activities, strengthening governance, and enhancing its impact. A significant step forward was the recent employment of a full-time Development Officer, Helen Murdoch, funded initially through the Moray Local Action Group Grant. While originally secured for three months, additional funding has extended her role for a further two months. Helen Murdoch's role includes streamlining operations and overseeing day-to-day activities, recruiting and training additional volunteers, introducing new learning opportunities such as life skills workshops and career guidance, identifying new funding sources to enhance financial sustainability, and evaluating programme impact to implement improvements. One of Helen's notable contributions has been the introduction of midweek sessions at Forres House Community Centre. These quieter, more relaxed gatherings cater to young people who prefer a smaller, more intimate environment.

Ongoing Developments

From the outset, we have encouraged young people to play an active role in shaping The Gaff!, with plans to formalise this through a youth committee at some point in the future. We continue to enhance training for volunteers, ensuring they are equipped with safeguarding knowledge and youth work skills. Collaborations with local schools, organisations, and charities have strengthened our reach and impact, and we are actively pursuing additional grants to ensure long-term sustainability.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on expanding midweek sessions to include workshops on mental health, employability skills, and creative arts. Strengthening financial security (with particular emphasis on extending our DO post) through sustained fundraising and grant applications is a key priority.

We aim to enhance youth involvement by taking steps towards a youth leadership committee and deepen community connections by fostering partnerships with local businesses and organisations. Ultimately, securing a permanent home for The Gaff! remains a central goal, ensuring a consistent and accessible youth space for years to come.

Conclusion

Since its inception, The Gaff! has grown from a fragile but exciting concept into a vibrant and essential community resource, serving over 80 young people (with a regular group of about 50 each week in attendance). This progress has only been possible through the dedication of our trustees, volunteers, and supporters, as well as the enthusiasm of the young people who engage with us. As we move forward, we remain committed to fostering a space where young people feel valued, supported, and empowered. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of The Gaff! We look forward to another year of growth and impact.

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold a certain amount of income in reserve in case of unforeseen circumstances. At the end of the year the charity held unrestricted funds of £, These funds will enable the charity to continue for the foreseeable future.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Other optional information

In July 2023, Moray Council awarded a grant to Transition Town Forres (SC040314) as lead partner, to deliver youth activities in the Forres ASG. The understanding of this agreement was that a new local charitable organisation would be formed to deliver these activities, with TTF's role being the sponsor of the proposed new organisation and initially providing banking, accounting and premises until such time that the organisation could become independent. This new charitable organisation ultimately became Forres Youth Spaces Project SCIO on 24 March 2024, however prior to this the organisation was incorporated as a Private Limited Company on 29 September 2024 and then became a Registered Charity from 26 January 2024 prior to conversion to a SCIO. Forres Youth Spaces Project SCIO's working partnership with TTF ended on 01 September 2024, with the opening of our own charity bank account. The financial accounting for the youth activities delivered by Forres Youth Spaces Project SCIO from July 2023 until 31 August 2024, have been included in TTF's charity accounts as restricted funding. Consequently, this report provides the financial accounts from 01 September 2024 until the end of our accounting period on 30 September 2024.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Norma Matheson</i>	
Full name(s)	Norma Matheson	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer & Trustee	
Date	29.06.25	

Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	25	03	2024		30	09	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	-				-	
Legacies	-				-	
Grants	-				-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	-				-	
Gross trading receipts	-				-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-				-	
Rents from land & buildings	-				-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	7,000				7,000	
A1 Sub total	7,000	-	-	-	7,000	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-				-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	-				-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,000	-	-	-	7,000	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-				-	
Gross trading payments	-				-	
Investment management costs	-				-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	547				547	
Grants and donations	-				-	
Governance costs:	-				-	
Audit / independent examination	-				-	
Preparation of annual accounts	-				-	
Legal costs	-				-	
Other	-				-	
A3 Sub total	547	-	-	-	547	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-				-	
Purchase of investments	-				-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	547	-	-	-	547	-
Net receipts / (payments)	6,453	-	-	-	6,453	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	6,453	-	-	-	6,453	-

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year					-	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	6,453	-			6,453	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	6,453	-	-	-	6,453	-

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total		

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Date of approval

	Norma Matheson	29/06/2025

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Restricted:- Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

C6 Other information	
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Analysis of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £		Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	-
				-	
Total	-	-		-	-

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Transfer Balance of Project Funds from TTF	7,000				7,000	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	7,000	-	-	-	7,000	-

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Youth Scotland Membership	55				55	
Insurance	210				210	
Equipment and games	6				6	
Food and drink	269				269	
Sundry	7				7	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	547	-	-	-	547	-

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below General	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	7,000				7,000	
					-	
Sub total	7,000	-	-	-	7,000	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,000	-	-	-	7,000	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	547				547	-
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
					-	-
Sub total	547	-	-	-	547	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	547	-	-	-	547	-
Net receipts / (payments)	6,453	-	-	-	6,453	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	6,453	-	-	-	6,453	-

Nature and purpose of funds

General funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	General					
Receipts						
Donations					-	-
Legacies					-	-
Grants					-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	-
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

Restricted funds can be used in accordance with the donors wishes or fundraising stated purpose.

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts							
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name Forres Youth Space Project SCIO						
	Registered charity number SC053081						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	25	3	2024	to	30	9	2024
Set out on pages	5 TO 10					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

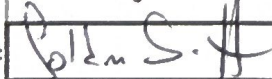
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

Signed:



Date:

29/6/2025

Name: Gordon Scott

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Chartered Accountant (ICAS)

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APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose