



CONSORTIUM FOR
STREET CHILDREN

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CHAIRS' REPORT

As newly appointed Co-Chairs of the Consortium for Street Children, it has been a privilege to lead CSC at such a pivotal moment. 2024 has brought powerful progress towards the realisation of street-connected children's rights, thanks to the unwavering commitment of our global network, partners, staff, and supporters.

This year marked significant advances in our legal and policy advocacy. CSC played a supporting role in the landmark Economic Community Of West African States' Court of Justice ruling against Sierra Leone's discriminatory loitering laws - a decision that sets an important precedent for protecting street-connected children from criminalisation across West Africa. In Ghana, we worked with national partners to ensure children's voices are reflected in the implementation of the government's new five-year strategy for street-connected children. Similarly, in Bangladesh, our collaboration with network members helped shape advocacy strategies around the country's Universal Periodic Review, pushing for government accountability and stronger protections.

On the global stage, CSC had a visible and influential presence at the First Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children. Our satellite event provided a platform for street-connected children to speak directly to decision-makers - an essential step toward ensuring their unique experiences and needs are recognised in global efforts to end violence.

A key highlight of the year was CSC's campaign for the International Day for Street Children, centred on the theme of belonging. The campaign placed children's own voices at its heart, with powerful contributions from street-connected children across the globe. Their reflections shaped our messaging and advocacy, ensuring that the campaign authentically conveyed their lived realities and aspirations.

Looking back on 2024, we are proud of the role CSC has played in strengthening child rights through collaborative, rights-based, and child-informed approaches. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our network members, funders, and all those who share our vision of a world where street-connected children are respected, protected, and supported to reach their full potential. We look forward to continuing this journey together.



Yasmin Ali Haque



Puneeta Mongia

CEO'S REPORT

I was delighted to join the Consortium for Street Children in October 2024, having been closely associated with some of its member organisations for over 20 years. It was quickly evident that CSC and its member organisations and research partners remain at the forefront of civil society, advocating and championing for street-connected children's rights. Over the course of 2024, CSC and its members continue to lead efforts in championing the rights of street-connected children amidst the challenges of geopolitical shifts, climate threats, and population movements, all of which heightened the inequalities facing millions of street connected children.

The theme of 'belonging' defined International Day for Street Children (IDSC) in 2024, highlighting the exclusion street-connected children experience—from communities, families, and the barriers they face in accessing education, health, and protection. IDSC is a vital moment in CSC's calendar, where we come together with our network to highlight issues affecting street-connected children, as well as ensuring we amplify their voices and views to ensure their rights are recognised. Over the year, CSC continued to develop its regional advocacy strategy in West Africa aimed at bringing governments and grassroots organizations together to empower street-connected children and young people, raise awareness and close the gap from exclusion to inclusion.

One of our ongoing objectives is to challenge those misconceptions many have around street-connected children and which contribute to exclusion from wider society. We know that street-connected children and young people seek or create spaces where they can find belonging - building meaningful connections with their peers and networks on the street. So much of their lived experiences and testimonials from children themselves are curated on behalf of the network by CSC, which provides rare and valuable insight into the issues street-connected children face, as well as promising practice for addressing these. We remain committed to sharing and providing this evidence, research and data to support successful solutions for street-connected children.

I attended the first Global Ministerial on ending Violence against Children in Bogota early in November, to ensure that street-connected children 'belong' in all discussions and actions to create safer futures for all children. In discussions with many organisations and policy makers, it is evident we need to accelerate action for street-connected children. CSC looks forward to seeing the progress of governments on their pledges to end violence against all children and continuing to work with governments to fulfil their duty to protect all children in their communities.

CSC had the opportunity to co-host one of the first satellite events ahead of the main Conference, and the only satellite event with a focus on ending violence against street-connected children: 'Growing up on the streets and realizing children's rights: Promising practices addressing violence against all children'. This was co-hosted with the office of the Special Representative on Violence against Children, the office of the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, the University of Dundee, two child and youth representative street champions from Child in Need Institute (CINI), a presenter from the Government of Uruguay and was expertly moderated by Ann Skelton, Chair of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child.

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to hear directly from youth advocates, Priya and Rani, street champions from CINI, who shared their challenges of invisibility, and lack of 'belonging' and how they have acted with their peers to advocate for their rights and improve access to services.

When street connected children feel 'seen' and 'heard' they are able to exercise their rights fully. Similarly, when their rights are respected, this creates the conditions for individuals to feel they truly belong.

This is CSC's and our members' continued vision and commitment to all street-connected children and young people around the world.



Felicite Holman

TRUSTEES' REPORT

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The trustees (who are also directors of Consortium for Street Children under company law) present their report for the year ended 31 December 2024. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with (i) the Companies Act 2006, (ii) the Charities Act 2011, (iii) the requirements of the Consortium for Street Children Memorandum and Articles of Association and (iv) the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting for Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard application in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'. This trustees' report is also the directors' report as required under section 415 of the Companies Act 2006.

OVERVIEW

The Consortium for Street Children (CSC) is the only global organisation dedicated solely to achieving positive change for street children worldwide, working with 200+ members in 111 countries. With 30 years' experience and a global network, CSC has unparalleled knowledge and expertise on street children, their lives and the solutions to the problems they face. Together with its members and partners, CSC advocates for the rights of street children from the streets to the corridors of power. It works to transform children's lives on the streets through strengthening street social work practice, while also working with States and communities globally so that they meet their legal obligations to street-connected children as set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

CHARITY OBJECTIVES

The objects of CSC (as set out in its Articles of Association) are the relief of children in conditions of need, hardship or distress, anywhere in the world, with special attention to those living and working on the streets and in other public places.





VISION

A world where street children's rights are guaranteed, the same as every other child.

PURPOSE

Mobilising a global movement to respect, protect, and fulfil street children's rights

VALUES

Our values shape the way we work and define our organisational aspirations:

1. CHALLENGING

We will actively challenge common misconceptions of street children, and the status quo of policies and practices. We will challenge ourselves and our network to identify innovative solutions, leveraging, learning from and building on our knowledge to continually improve.

2. COLLABORATIVE

We will bring people and organisations together to share expertise and create a stronger collective voice.

3. ACCOUNTABLE

We will be transparent and honest in everything we do, a trusted partner for our network and donors, accountable for delivering resources and funds where needed and agreed.

4. CHILD FOCUSED

We focus on the best interests of the children we work with and serve. We will consult with children where we can and ensure that we understand all potential impacts that our work may cause for street children, and take steps to avoid negative outcomes and maximise positive benefits.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2024 marks the first year of CSC's 2024-2029 strategy, and we are proud of the progress made in its first year.

Below, we outline how we will report on this progress throughout the next five years.

CHANGE POLICY	CHANGE PRACTICE
Support and enable locally-led advocacy action by our partners, network members and street-connected children, to secure street-connected children's rights	Work with network partners to develop, evidence and model innovative and integrated rights-based approaches to supporting street-connected children
Advocate directly at international and regional levels, nationally in the UK, to keep street-connected children on the agenda and hold States to account	Promote and support skilled street work as the first, critical step in a rights-based approach to supporting street-connected children
CHANGE THE NARRATIVE	OUR FOUNDATION
Prioritise and promote street-connected children's participation in research, programmatic responses and advocacy action	Convene and coordinate a broad global network of aligned organisations working with and for street-connected children as a platform for collaboration, thought leadership, knowledge exchange, shared learning and collective action, centring members' expertise and experience
Build the capacity of individuals and organisations worldwide to understand street-connected children's lives, respect, protect and promote their rights and respond to their needs	



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024

CHILDREN'S VOICES AT THE CENTRE

A standout achievement of CSC's 2024 International Day for Street Children (IDSC) campaign was the meaningful inclusion of children's own voices. Exploring the theme of belonging, the campaign was shaped by the lived experiences and views of street-connected children from across our global network. Their reflections on what belonging means—shared through art, writing, and interviews—became the heart of our messaging, ensuring that the campaign authentically represented their perspectives and aspirations. This child-centred approach strengthened the campaign's impact and reaffirmed CSC's commitment to genuine child participation.





BRINGING VISIBILITY TO VIOLENCE AGAINST STREET CHILDREN

We hosted the first satellite event at the First Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children, ensuring that the specific risks and needs of street-connected children were firmly on the international agenda. During this event, street-connected children spoke directly to global decision-makers, sharing their experiences and calling for action. Throughout the conference, CSC advocated for the inclusion of street-connected children in global strategies to end violence, highlighting the urgent need for tailored approaches that uphold their rights and protect them from harm.

A LANDMARK VICTORY AGAINST COLONIAL-ERA LAWS HARMING STREET CHILDREN

2024 saw a landmark ECOWAS Court of Justice ruling against Sierra Leone's discriminatory loitering laws. This judgment, which found the laws to be a violation of human rights, marked a significant step forward in protecting street-connected children in the country from arbitrary arrest and criminalisation. CSC's contribution helped strengthen the legal challenge and added vital international advocacy weight.

HOLDING GOVERNMENTS TO ACCOUNT



In Bangladesh

We worked closely with network partners to develop targeted advocacy strategies in anticipation of the country's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) recommendations on its human rights records at the UN. This helps to strengthen our collective ability to push for concrete government action and policy change.



In Ghana

We worked with network members to engage with the Government's newly published five-year strategic plan for street-connected children. We advocated for the meaningful inclusion of children's voices in the plan's implementation, helping to ensure that the strategy translates into real change, guided by lived experience, on the ground.



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OUR FOUNDATION



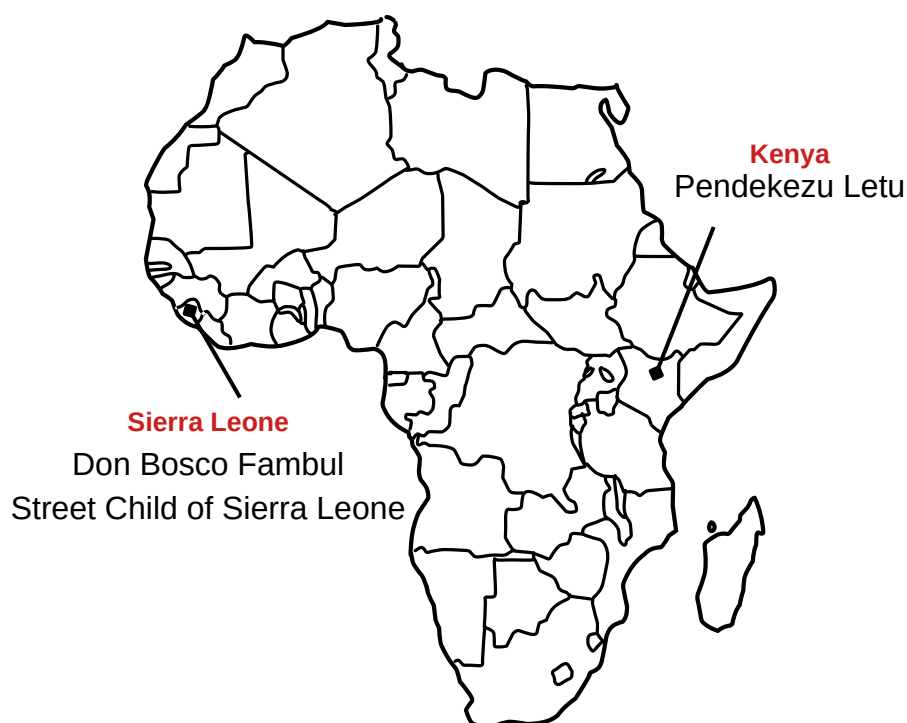
ENGAGING AND DEVELOPING THE CSC NETWORK

Our global network remains the heart of our work, with members showing extraordinary resilience and commitment despite ongoing challenges. In 2024, we focused on strengthening connections, building skills, and expanding reach, so members are better equipped to advocate for and support street-connected children.

We welcomed three new members, including two strategic partners in Sierra Leone. There, CSC was invited to join a coalition of organisations forming a new national network for street-connected children - a sign of how our convening role and technical expertise, built through engagement in 2023, is recognised and valued.

Through our annual Network Forum, members came together to share practice and build capacity on issues central to their work, including:

- Regional approaches to advocacy
- Trauma-informed approaches to working with street-connected children
- Impact Evaluation & Most Significant Change,
- Children's participation and launching our participatory advocacy resource pack, and;
- A memorial lecture by board member Dr. Rinchen Chopel.



Feedback highlighted the value of these sessions, with members describing them as “clear and well explained” and providing “a huge amount to take back to my work.” Beyond knowledge-sharing, these sessions helped create a stronger sense of community and mutual support, with members eager to continue discussions and collaborations beyond the events themselves.

By investing in the capacity and cohesion of our network, we are laying the groundwork for more coordinated, evidence-based advocacy worldwide - ensuring that local expertise and children’s voices drive change at national, regional, and global levels.



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CHANGE POLICY



ADVANCING LOCALLY-LED ADVOCACY IN WEST AFRICA

Strengthening strategic action

In 2024, we brought together 17 of our members from Ghana, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Togo, and Cameroon to form the West Africa Strategic Advocacy Group (WASAG). Our objective was to strengthen cross-border collaboration so that governments in the region respond more effectively to the rights of street-connected children.

In its first months, the group co-developed a regional advocacy strategy – laying the foundation for systemic legal and policy change to transform outcomes and advance access to justice and rights for children in street situations across West Africa. Their first regional campaign will challenge discriminatory laws such as loitering offences and police round-ups, which currently deny street-connected children access to justice and expose them to cycles of criminalisation and abuse.

The WASAG exists to change this by strengthening collective advocacy, empowering children to participate meaningfully, and mobilising resources for sustainable, locally-led action. By uniting organisations across five countries, CSC ensures that the campaign is rooted in lived realities while carrying the weight of an African led, community rooted, regional voice. This positions the group to influence national governments and regional institutions in a way that individual organisations could not achieve alone. While the long-term policy shifts will take time, the creation of this strategy and campaign is a significant milestone towards systemic change.

Influencing National Policies

Through the West Africa Strategic Advocacy Group, we worked with members in 2024 to influence governments at critical moments of policy change. Our objective was to ensure that street-connected children are not left out of national agendas and legal reforms.

- Joined up advocacy was instrumental to securing a renewed commitment from the Ghanaian government to deliver a five-year strategic plan for street-connected children and young persons (2024-2028), following a change in government in the 2024 general election, ensuring the voices of street-connected children shape implementation.
- Followed sustained advocacy and the coproduction of a position paper, the Sierra Leone government adopted the Child Rights Act 2024 which now includes specific protections for street-connected children, promotes diversion, ensures their right to be heard, and strengthens penalties for exploitation. The Government of Sierra Leone have made a further commitment to review their National Strategy for Addressing Issues of Children in Street Situations 2021-23.
- In Nigeria, we supported preparations for a critical meeting with the Permanent Secretary of Lagos, driving government engagement on street-connected children's rights.

These interventions demonstrate how CSC's regional convening power translates into tangible national-level influence. While the reforms are still underway, our members are now at the table, shaping laws and policies that could determine the rights and protections of thousands of children for years to come.

Landmark ECOWAS ruling on loitering laws

A major regional legal precedent was set when the ECOWAS Court of Justice ruled in favour of our amicus brief, finding that Sierra Leone's loitering laws were discriminatory against street-connected children. The Court ordered the government to amend, modify, or repeal these laws.

This ruling matters far beyond Sierra Leone. By securing this judgment, we created a powerful legal tool that can be used across the region to challenge unjust laws and practices that deny children their rights.

Our next step is to work alongside our Sierra Leonean partners to ensure the judgment leads to concrete legislative reform - and to leverage this victory as a regional precedent for protecting street-connected children from arbitrary arrest and abuse.

GLOBAL ADVOCACY WITH AND FOR OUR NETWORK

Strengthening UN engagement

As part of our strategic focus on West Africa and South Asia, we analysed past Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and Universal Periodic Review (UPR) recommendations to identify where governments had fallen short in protecting the rights of street-connected children. Our goal was to ensure that international commitments translate into real accountability and national policy change.

In Bangladesh, we worked closely with partners including GUC, LEEDO, and Ek Ronga Ek Ghuri to develop advocacy strategies around the UPR recommendations due in April 2024. By anticipating the likely recommendations, partners were able to refine their national-level engagement in advance—strengthening their ability to press government for meaningful reforms once the recommendations were released.

This proactive approach demonstrates CSC's value: bridging global human rights processes with local advocacy efforts so that international monitoring mechanisms directly support change in children's daily lives.

Enhancing access to justice

In August 2024, we submitted evidence to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's General Comment 27 on Access to Justice, drawing on insights from more than 20 of our network members worldwide. Our aim was to ensure that the lived realities of street-connected children directly informed this influential global guidance to governments.

Our submission highlighted urgent reforms, including:

- Ending inappropriate arrests linked to lack of legal ID and prohibitive bail fees
- Establishing dedicated children's courts and training judicial members to better support street-connected children
- Repealing discriminatory laws that criminalise children's presence in public spaces
- Strengthening independent accountability mechanisms for police forces

If reflected in the final General Comment, these recommendations will shape how governments worldwide design justice systems for children—paving the way for fairer treatment and protection for those most at risk of criminalisation. By mobilising diverse voices from across our network, CSC ensured that street-connected children's experiences will help set international standards that governments are expected to follow.

Advancing birth registration and legal identity

In August 2024, we submitted evidence to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the systemic barriers street-connected children face in securing legal identity. Without birth registration or identity documents, children are denied access to education, healthcare, protection, and justice.

Drawing on contributions from members across South America, Africa, and Asia, our submission called for:

- Eliminating parental application requirements for birth certificates: Many street-connected children are separated from parents or guardians, making this requirement impossible to meet. Removing it would allow children to secure identity in their own right.
- Ensuring digital registration systems are accessible and inclusive: While digital systems can expand reach, they risk excluding children without internet access, literacy skills, or technology. Making them inclusive ensures that modernisation does not deepen inequality.
- Reducing prohibitive costs associated with obtaining legal identity documents: For children living in poverty, even small fees can be insurmountable barriers. Removing or reducing these costs is essential for ensuring universal access.

By channelling grassroots perspectives into this global process, CSC is ensuring that international human rights guidance reflects the realities faced by street-connected children. The resulting recommendations will provide powerful advocacy tools for our members, strengthening efforts to push governments toward more inclusive and equitable systems of legal identity.

KADIE'S STORY



Kadie* was born in a small village in Sierra Leone before her parents migrated to a displaced persons' camp in Freetown at the end of the civil war. At first, she was enrolled in school but persistent poverty caused her to drop out and she spent several years in the camp where she faced abuse from family members.

This was her situation when Roseline, a street social worker from Concern for the Deprived Welfare Association (CoDWelA), first met Kadie. Roseline began to build a relationship with her, visiting her one-on-one to provide counselling, and eventually helped to enroll her in the War Wounded Vocational Institute to learn tailoring.


However, at first Kadie struggled with her classes. She had trouble concentrating, lacked self-confidence which meant she didn't participate in class and didn't believe in her own abilities, and eventually began to miss classes.

Because of this, Roseline asked one of the teachers to pay close attention to Kadie, who started to notice several indications of trauma in Kadie's behaviour. The teacher had received training in trauma-informed approaches to education through CSC and CoDWelA's education project, and used these skills to provide Kadie with personalized support.

With this intervention, Kadie's self-confidence began to improve, and she started coming to class every day, making new friends, and eventually became a trauma champion herself – supporting her peers by talking about her experience and how she learned strategies to cope and continue with her education.

Alongside the improvement in her mental health, Kadie's tailoring skills developed throughout the project, and she impressed her supervisors and became a role model to others in the Institute. Upon her graduation, she expressed her gratitude for the project, stating, "if not for the intervention of this project I would have been dead or in a very bad state."

**Name has been changed*



ADVOCATING FOR THE RIGHTS OF STREET-CONNECTED CHILDREN INTERNATIONALLY, REGIONALLY, AND IN THE UK

Annual Day on the Rights of the Child

In 2024, our Senior Legal and Advocacy Officer presented at two side events in Geneva during the Annual Day on the Rights of the Child, highlighting key child protection issues and sharing insights from the CLARISSA 'cash plus' pilot in Bangladesh. This intervention combines direct cash transfers with complementary support - such as training and technical guidance - to ensure more significant, effective, and sustainable outcomes for children and their families.

By presenting this work at the UN, CSC amplified evidence of practical, high-impact interventions for street-connected child labourers and their families. This engagement also strengthened CSC's role as a bridge between grassroots practice and global policy discussions, ensuring that innovative solutions reach those shaping the systems affecting street-connected children worldwide.

Supporting government action in Sierra Leone

In 2024, at the Minister for Gender and Children's Affairs' request, CSC facilitated a strategic review of the government's approach to street-connected children. We delivered a session on UN General Comment 21 for key officials, strengthening their understanding of international child rights standards and informing policy development.

By combining child rights expertise with practical guidance, CSC helped position the government to make more informed, rights-based decisions—laying the groundwork for better protection and opportunities for street-connected children.

On 31 October 2024, CSC co-hosted a landmark online event with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, and the University of Dundee. Attended by over 120 participants globally, it was the only dedicated discussion on street-connected children at the Conference. Child advocates Priya and Rani from the Child in Need Institute (CINI) in India shared their lived experiences, highlighting the importance of meaningful child participation in policy-making. [A summary briefing note](#), agreed with the co-hosts and hosted online by OHCHR, provides clear recommendations to guide ongoing advocacy.

To ensure these voices reached a wider audience, we supported CINI in amplifying the street champions' perspectives through a podcast, digital avatars, and an OHCHR web story. Ahead of the Conference, CSC led a joint advocacy campaign with network members, developing key messages and digital assets to ensure street-connected children were on the agenda. At the event, our representatives engaged directly with high-level stakeholders—including special rapporteurs, donors, and government officials from Sierra Leone, Namibia, and Lesotho—building relationships and fostering collaboration for future advocacy initiatives.

Following the Conference, we issued a call to action via our Network Bulletin, encouraging members to hold governments accountable for their commitments.

We also worked with the West Africa Strategic Advocacy Group to explore how the recommendations could inform their plans. This coordinated push aims to ensure that pledges made at the Conference translate into tangible policies and protections for street-connected children.

Spotlight on

FIRST GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ON ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

*Amplifying voices through a
dedicated satellite event*

GENERAL COMMENT 21 IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

In 2024, we advanced our review of the implementation of UN General Comment 21 through a dedicated academic session, engaging six researchers in collaboration with cultural researcher and ethnographer Ruth Edmonds and our Research Experts Forum. The purpose of this review is to understand if, and how, governments and practitioners are using General Comment 21 to bring about real change in the lives of street-connected children. A follow-up meeting with Dr. Ann Skelton, Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, outlined next steps including case studies, strategic litigation, and the expansion of regional advocacy in West Africa.

To sustain this work, we secured academic pro bono support from Ruth Edmonds and Leeor Levy to develop a structured framework for implementation learning. This initiative will culminate in a 'how-to' guidance document, which is currently being supported through fundraising efforts for completion in 2025. By combining academic rigour with practical advocacy insight, CSC is creating tools that will help governments, practitioners, and advocates translate General Comment 21 into meaningful action for street-connected children, ensuring the policy is not just a document, but a driver of tangible change.

LEADERSHIP OF ADVOCACY FOR CLARISSA

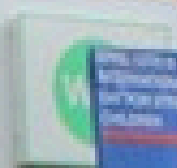
The CLARISSA programme (Child Labour: Action-Research-Innovation in South and South-Eastern Asia) concluded in March 2024 after more than four years addressing the worst forms of child labour in Bangladesh and Nepal. As part of the final advocacy push, CSC facilitated a Direct Exchange with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, enabling children affected by child labour to present recommendations directly to UNCRC members—laying the groundwork for ongoing advocacy and follow-up action.

With CSC's support, children from Nepal and Bangladesh developed recommendations focused on education, safe workplaces, healthcare access, and policy reform, which will inform national policy discussions and advocacy efforts. CSC and CLARISSA partners also produced evidence-based guidance for both countries to support policy change and replication of successful interventions.

In early 2024, CSC representatives attended final CLARISSA events in Nepal and Bangladesh, engaging national and international stakeholders to share findings, advocate for policy implementation, and highlight interventions with potential for wider impact. Through these efforts, CSC continues to drive change at global, regional, and national levels, ensuring street-connected children's rights remain central to policy and advocacy agendas.

Don't write me off because
I live on the streets.

#DSCGHANA



Stop pushing your
children out to look for
money.

#DSCGHANA



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STREET CHILDREN
NEED POLICY,
NOT PITY

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SCIF
I'M A CHILD —
NOT A CRIMINAL

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CHANGE PRACTICE



ADVANCE STREET WORK PRACTICE THROUGH PROMISING APPROACHES, INCLUDING ON EDUCATION, AND WOMEN AND GIRLS

Inclusive education: Kenya

Our Inclusive Education programme, in partnership with Glad's House Kenya in Mombasa, is now in its second phase. Designed to be child-centred, rights-based, and trauma-informed, the programme provides street-connected and marginalised children with tailored educational opportunities, alongside holistic support from teachers, street social workers, and counsellors to address educational, psycho-social, and mental health needs. The curriculum includes catch-up lessons and teachers' guides to ensure learning gaps are addressed.

In 2024, the programme continued to create sustainable pathways off the street, improving literacy and numeracy while supporting children to enter and remain in education—including progression to secondary, higher education, and vocational training. A total of 225 children participated this year (157 boys and 77 girls), demonstrating the programme's ongoing reach and impact.

Trauma-informed education in Sierra Leone

At the end of 2024, our project "Addressing Trauma Among War-Displaced Street-Connected Children to Improve Educational Outcomes in Grafton" concluded. Running from December 2022 to December 2024 in partnership with CodWela and WeYone Foundation, the project aimed to reduce trauma and improve educational outcomes for war-displaced street-connected children and young people (SCCYP).

Key achievements include:

- Trauma and psychosocial support: 91 children reported reduced signs of trauma, such as stress, aggressive behaviour, or timidity. Of these, 40 were trained as peer advocates and motivators using CSC's Street Champion Model, helping to influence policy and community attitudes.
- Education and vocational pathways: 74 children were placed in vocational training of their choice, and 98 saw improvements in literacy and numeracy. Girls received sexual and reproductive health education and reusable menstrual pads to support retention.
- Capacity building: 32 street workers, youth leaders, teachers, and vocational trainers received training on trauma-informed approaches, enabling them to better support SCCYP in education and training settings.

Through these efforts, CSC supported children not only to recover from trauma but also to access education, develop life skills, and participate in their communities, laying the foundation for long-term protection, learning, and empowerment.

Global education working group

Hosted and convened by CSC, the Global Education Working Group connects network members worldwide to improve life chances for street-connected children and young people (SCCYP) through quality, accessible education. Members meet regularly to share practice, develop resources, and participate in quarterly learning sessions on topics of expertise and collaboration.

In 2024, the group delivered sessions on vocational training in Nigeria (Child Life Line) and alternative and creative curricula in Pakistan (Cities for Children). Members also co-designed CSC's trauma-informed training package for educators and street social workers, which was adapted into an online session in November 2024. Supported by CSC, network members in Sierra Leone delivered the session to over 200 participants for the first time.

The group continued to focus on shared learning and capacity-building, particularly in alternative education and vocational training. In November, two members led an introductory session on CSC's new trauma-informed training, attended by 25 network members, strengthening the skills and approaches of practitioners across the network.

Women and girls working group

In 2024, our Women and Girls Working Group continued exploring the Most Significant Change (MSC) methodology, which captures personal stories of change and identifies the most meaningful impacts. Members highlighted the value of this approach at the year's network forum, demonstrating how MSC can strengthen participatory evaluation and storytelling.

The group will also contribute to a co-authored academic paper with the University of the Sunshine Coast and a 'What Works' guide, supporting the wider CSC network to articulate impact in a structured, participatory way and amplifying women's and girls' voices in evaluation processes.



NURTURING CLOSE PARTNERSHIPS TO DELIVER FOR STREET-CONNECTED CHILDREN

In South Asia

In 2024, CSC and CINI continued their partnership to support and protect street-connected children in Kolkata. Skilled Street Work reached over 500 children, while training and capacity building strengthened service providers. Participatory initiatives ensured children's voices were heard in decision-making, civil society networks were strengthened, and advocacy efforts raised the profile of street-connected children's rights to drive sustainable change.

CINI's Street Work team also served as technical advisors to UNICEF and the Government of West Bengal on children's participation in child protection committees, embedding the CSC approach at the policy level and influencing systemic change for street-connected children.



SHARE SKILLS THROUGH TRAINING

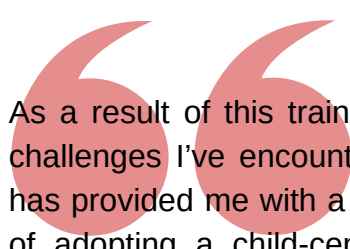
Trauma-informed training

In February 2024, CSC delivered in-person Trauma-Informed Approaches and Introduction to Street Work training in Sierra Leone with education programme partners and network members. Adapted to the local context by Sierra Leone-based members of CSC's Global Training Collective, the training reached 23 participants, strengthening their ability to support street-connected children effectively. An online introductory session was also piloted at this year's Network Forum, with plans to roll out further training in 2025, including through Glad's House Kenya Inclusive Education project.

Online introduction to street work

CSC developed online International Street Work training materials with external support from the Global Training Collective. The pilot session engaged 10 participants from Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and Ghana—many from the West Africa Strategic Advocacy Group. A follow-up recall meeting supported participants' action plans and implementation, laying the groundwork for expanded delivery beyond 2024.

These initiatives strengthen the capacity of practitioners and network members to deliver child-centred, trauma-informed support, creating long-term improvements in the lives of street-connected children.



As a result of this training, I now feel more equipped and confident in addressing the challenges I've encountered while working with street-connected children. The training has provided me with a deeper understanding of their unique needs and the importance of adopting a child-centered approach in all aspects of my work. I've gained new strategies for building trust, enhancing communication, and empowering these children, which will help me navigate the complexities of their situations more effectively. While the challenges remain, I now see them as opportunities for growth for both for the children and for myself as a social worker. The training has reinforced my commitment to making a meaningful impact in their lives and has given me practical tools to overcome obstacles and advocate for their rights with greater resilience and empathy.

ISW Trainee 'Igbinosun Osadebamwen' from Child Life Line Nigeria reflecting on the training

JIMIYU'S STORY



Jimiyu*, 11, started sleeping in different homes and begging for food in the community following the death of his father, the breadwinner in the family. This pushed his mother into depression and eventually alcoholism, causing her to neglect Jimiyu and his siblings. None of the children progressed with their education following their father's death.

Jimiyu relied on the street while begging for food, money, and a place to sleep. Street Workers at Glad's House Kenya noticed Jimiyu hanging around their sports facility and began to follow up to understand his patterns, and eventually invited him to the organisation's safe space to further understand his needs. This proved more difficult than usual as Jimiyu didn't trust the workers and would often lie, and while they traced his mother she could not provide much constructive information. He had been alone for a long time and neglected by the community as well as his mother, which made him hesitant to express himself and trust others.

Glad's House workers began by addressing the boy's physical needs. He was weak and malnourished, and they realised he had been suffering from bilharzia (Schistosomiasis) for a long time. Glad's House provided Jimiyu with three daily meals, a place to sleep, and treated his bilharzia, as they worked to build trust.

The team made a breakthrough by engaging Jimiyu in more sports and education activities, which helped him to open up more and engage with peers. By meeting his physical needs, working on his emotional needs, and ensuring his mother was present for case meetings in the safe space, Jimiyu began to trust the Street Workers with information about his life and experiences.

It became clear that he had fallen far behind in schooling, and was unable to write anything, including his name. Once his health started to improve, they enrolled him in catch up lessons. And after a short adjustment period, Jimiyu can now read short sentences made up of three letter words, and is enjoying learning and making new friends. There is still a little way to go before he can join mainstream school, but he is healthy and much more confident in playing and expressing himself, knowing that he can go to his teachers and other workers with any problems.

**Name has been changed*



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ENGAGE THE SECTOR THROUGH INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR STREET CHILDREN

Engaging street-connected children in advocacy

In 2024, ten network members conducted focus group discussions with street-connected children on the theme of 'belonging'. Insights from these discussions directly shaped the International Day for Street Children (IDSC) campaign messages and materials, ensuring that children's voices guided the objectives and content.

In March, additional resources were distributed to support community engagement events, amplifying children's participation and ensuring the campaign's impact extended beyond a single day.

IDSC 2024 achieved strong engagement, including a well-attended 'belonging' insight event, numerous network-led initiatives, and a social media reach of 67.3 million. Our [highlights video](#) captured these activities, demonstrating the power of child-led advocacy.

Learning for future campaigns

Learning for Future Campaigns: This year highlighted the value of early engagement, broad yet meaningful themes, and concrete participation opportunities. These lessons will shape IDSC 2025.

At the network forum, we soft-launched the Participatory Advocacy Resource Pack, with a full launch planned for IDSC 2025. Attendees were invited to register for online training in Q1 2025, equipping them to use the pack to further embed children's voices in their campaigns.



Celebrated by nearly 100 network members as well as non-member organisations



Children from 12 organisations took part in Focus Group Discussions to inform the campaign



Reach of 67 million across social media

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

Through these collaborations, CSC ensures that research is directly linked to policy and practice, amplifying the voices of street-connected children and young people globally.

Participatory knowledge exchange across continents

In 2024, the 'Forging Pathways' Knowledge Exchange project continued with University College London, CINI (India), Glad's House (Kenya), and Grambangla Unnayan Committee (Bangladesh). Using participatory methodologies, the project enabled street-connected young people to reflect on their experiences before, during, and after the COVID-19 pandemic across Kolkata, Mombasa, and Dhaka. Contributions were shared and analysed transnationally with young people, practitioners, and academics at workshops in Kolkata and Mombasa, and iterated into policy positions to inform advocacy at local, national, and international levels. The report and policy brief are scheduled for publication in 2025.

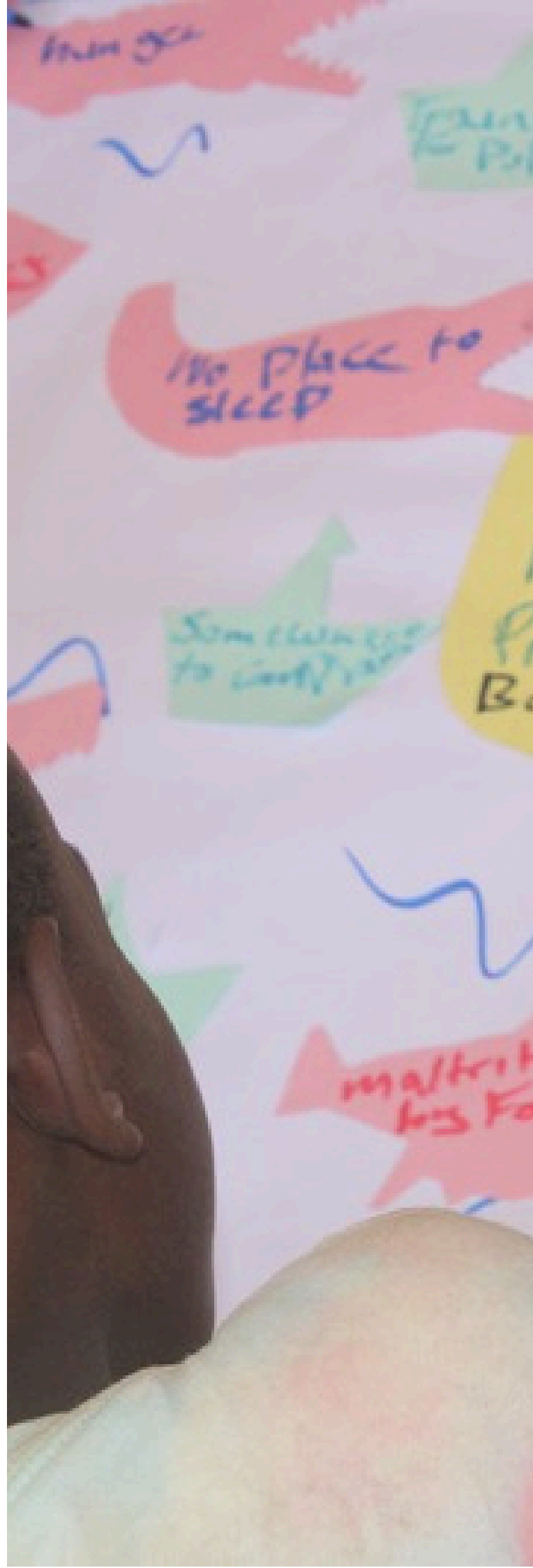
Academic collaborations

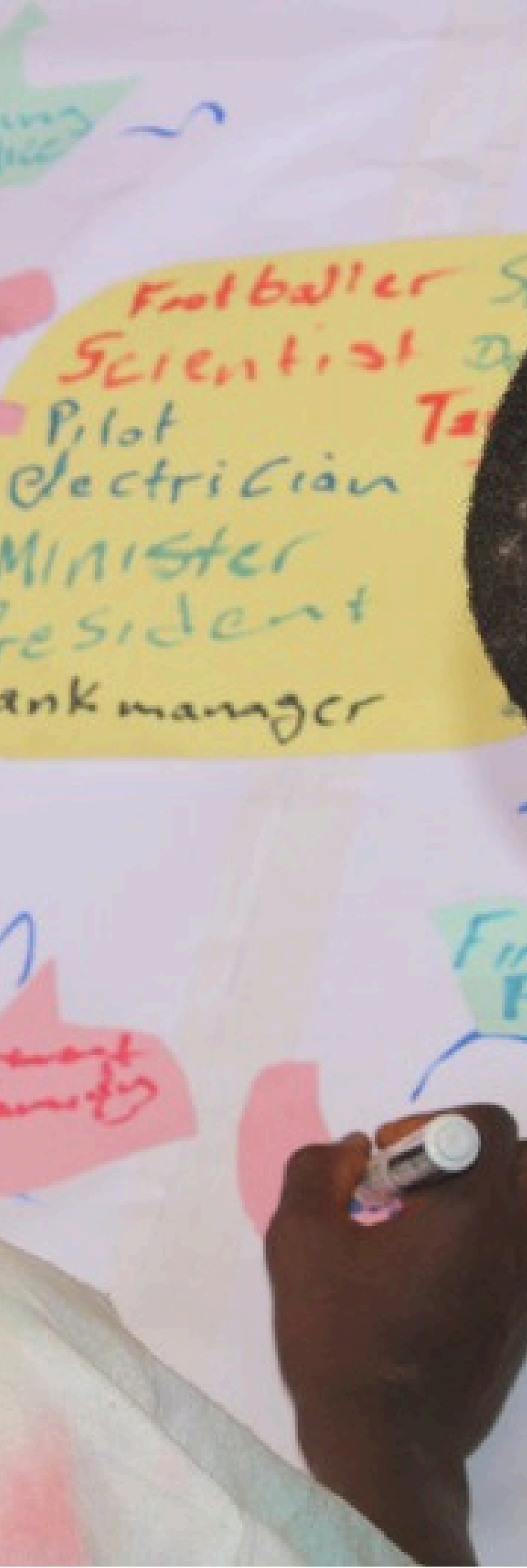
In 2024, CSC continued to chair the International Academic + Policy Advisory Board for 2REST: Responsibilities for Resilience Embedded in Street Temporalities, led by the University of Dundee as part of the Growing Up on the Streets initiative. CSC also assumed the chair role for the advisory board of 'Histories of Practice za Kujiinua', a participatory creative research project led by Manchester Metropolitan University in partnership with the University of Nairobi.

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UPTAKE OF CSC RESOURCES AND LEARNING THROUGH INSIGHT PAPERS AND SERIES

We continued to share learning and influence practice through Insight Papers and seminar series:

- **Health:** Pia co-authored an editorial in the British Medical Journal (Street and Working Children: A Call for Rights-Based Approach to Their Health and Well-Being) and we held a CSC Insights Seminar on barriers to healthcare for street-connected children, highlighting gaps and promoting rights-based approaches.
- **Belonging:** Our second insights event focused on belonging, aligned with IDSC 2024. It challenged myths and stigma, emphasising the universal need to belong and inspiring NGOs, communities, and duty-bearers to create inclusive spaces for children.
- **Participatory Approaches:** Drawing on evidence from the CLARISSA project, this session explored child-led versus child-centred activities, highlighting how research can strengthen participatory advocacy and ensure children's voices shape interventions.
- **Investing in Street-Connected Children:** Delivered in partnership with Red Nose Day USA, this session reflected on CSC's seven-year partnership and underscored the importance of long-term investment in projects supporting street-connected children to achieve meaningful, sustainable impact.

Through these sessions and publications, CSC translates research and project learning into actionable insights, strengthening practice and advocacy globally.

SAFEGUARDING

CSC believes that no child should ever have to experience abuse or harm of any kind: we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of children and to keep them safe. We are committed to the protection of all children from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual violence, as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

We recognise child Safeguarding to be broader than child protection because it relates to both preventative measures which should be taken to reduce the likelihood of harm to a child occurring and responsive measures to ensure that, when harm or risk of harm occurs, effective steps are in place to ensure that the welfare of the child is protected and appropriate action is taken. CSC's Safeguarding Policy is at the core of all our operations and aims to both establish a safe environment for children who come into contact with the organisation and to create a safe work environment for our representatives.

CSC recognises that street-connected children are especially vulnerable to abuse at the hands of those who care for them, programmatic staff who they work with and any person who has access to them. As such CSC's Safeguarding Policy serves as a means of rigorously maintaining proper guidelines and procedures to prevent situations that make CSC vulnerable to enabling exploitation, abuse, and/or harbouring abusers. CSC views Safeguarding as both an organisational and an individual responsibility.

CSC undertook an annual review of its Safeguarding Policy in May 2024 with the reviewed policy approved by the Board of Trustees in July 2024. Minor amendments were made for clarity and to update key contacts.

Safeguarding incidents

CSC responded to a child safeguarding concern raised in October 2024 which was reported to the Charity Commission as a Serious Incident. The concern was resolved without need for further action following external investigation in December 2024. As a result of this process, CSC are undertaking internal review of relevant policies and procedures, including the Safeguarding Policy, to capture learning and strengthen future prevention and response.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

CSC has had due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing its aims, objectives and future activities. Specifically, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the charitable objectives of the organisation, which is the relief of children in conditions of need, hardship or distress anywhere in the world, with special attention to those living and working on the streets and other public places. More specifically, the Board reviews activities against the current strategy, as set out above, by regularly reviewing progress using a standardised dashboard report at each Board meeting. Within this Trustees' report particularly in the section above, 'Achievements and Performance', the trustees have set out how CSC's activities contribute to the public benefit.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING

The trustees are responsible for the Charity for the purposes of charity and company law. They meet five times a year, with additional meetings when required. The CEO, under delegated powers from the Board, manages the day-to-day operations of the charity, including finance, employment and programmes. The remuneration of the CEO is determined by the trustees, by reference to other similar organisations and to the skills required.

CSC continues to review its governance procedures and policies on a regular basis. A pro bono company secretary has been in place since 2019, to support and advise the Board on governance matters.

The trustees seek to appoint new trustees as and when needed to maintain a broad skill-mix appropriate to the work of the Charity and to cover retirements and resignations. Where the trustees identify a forthcoming vacancy, new trustees are sought through a mixture of open advertisements on our website, charity recruitment websites, and advertising through the networks of existing trustees. The trustees consider applications received against the needs of the role identified, and the applicant meets with three trustees as part of the selection process. An induction process is in place involving briefings with staff and provision of key documents to review. The mix of skills within the Board is appropriate to the needs of the Charity, and trustees are encouraged to keep their knowledge up to date in relevant areas.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, trustees are required to retire at the third annual general meeting (“AGM”) following the AGM at which they were appointed, unless otherwise determined by the members in a general meeting. Trustees may appoint a person to act as a trustee to fill a vacancy as an additional appointment, provided that the appointment does not cause the number of trustees to exceed the maximum number of 12. A trustee so appointed shall hold office until the next AGM.

CSC receives pro bono legal advice when required from Baker McKenzie LLP. A pro bono HR advisor has been in place at CSC since the beginning of 2024.

NETWORKS

CSC is a member of, and a regular participant in, the international child rights network Child Rights Connect, which coordinates organisations work at the UN level in both Geneva and New York. This network and its secretariat assist us with both analysis and logistical help when we organise events at the UN. They are extremely collaborative, and in return, we assist them with analysis on child rights specifically on children in street situations. We are also a participant in the UN Global Compact, highlighting our commitment to universal sustainability principles and the UN Goals. We submitted our latest Communication on Engagement in October 2023, with our next due in 2025.

CSC’s operational model is to facilitate a network of organisations working with and for street children. This model allows us to function as a relatively small secretariat based in London, assisting front line organisations with advocacy, research, legal and policy analysis, and specific on the ground projects where funding permits. By operating as a network, we are encouraging south to south exchange between organisations, and our materials are disseminated far wider than if we operated alone. By the same token, our network members can devote more resources to assisting street children directly by using our materials.

GRANT MAKING

In 2024, we managed 6 subgrants with 7 separate partners. In most cases, the funding for this was awarded to CSC for the specific purpose of making onward grants to partner organisations. In these instances, CSC either made a bid for the overall funding along with the partner organisations who received the grant funding, or invited partner organisations to apply once funds are received.

CSC monitors the overall use of the grant funding to ensure that funds have been used appropriately and in line with any restrictions set. When we receive restricted funding from a donor for grant-making, it contributes to the achievement of our aims and objectives in the following ways:

- We can engage a wider set of expertise and experience around the world in advocating for street children's rights;
- We strengthen our network through shared initiatives and joint programmes, thereby building capacity to help support and enhance street children's lives.

In 2024 the Educational Opportunity Foundation (formerly BFSS) funded two inclusive education initiatives where CSC re-granted to local partners in Kenya and Sierra Leone.

The EA Foundation also funded our education initiative in Kenya, and our work in Kolkata, India with partner CINI, to transform the city for street-connected children.

We also worked with three partners, Grambangla Unnayan Committee and Dhaka Ahsania Mission in Bangladesh, and CWISH in Nepal, through the CLARISSA programme with IDS.

The projects team undertakes a thorough due diligence process prior to any grant allocation and regularly monitors partner progress with full financial and narrative reports required. All grants are subject to a contracting process, in order that donors' funds are well-managed and accounted for.



TOTAL INCOME

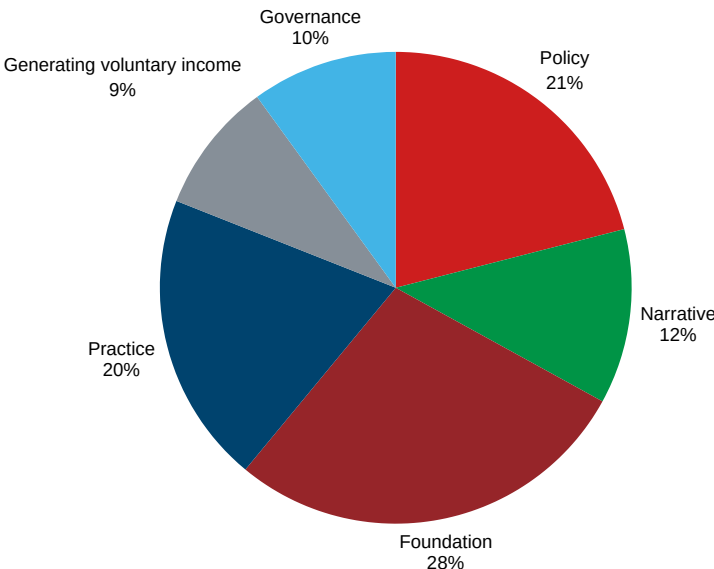
Overall total income received in 2024 was £682,835. This is a significant decrease on 2023 (£896,136). This is in large part to funds with FCDO and Red Nose Day coming to an end in 2024 and the changes to the fundraising landscape where major institutional funding is becoming increasingly scarce.

Unlike previous years, our largest income has come from donations (54% - 29% 2023). The bulk of this increase has come from the two legacy donations (£227,000), received through the closure of Child Hope. As evidence of the shift in the fundraising outlook, Trusts, Foundations & Institutional funding only makes up 39% of our income (61% - 2023). Donated services income remains consistent at 3% and membership, events & other also 3% (7% - 2023)

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

Our expenditure decreased considerably to the previous year with expenditure of £527,070 in 2024 (£818,951 in 2023). Two factors have contributed to this drop, the completion of projects linked to major restricted funding (Red Nose Day & CLARISSA) and the restructure of the organisation undertaken in early 2024 has resulted in significantly decreased operational expenses, as opposed to 2023.

81% of our expenditure was spent on our charitable activities, 10% on governance, and 9% on generating voluntary income.



We have updated our four strategic goals to—Policy, Narrative, Foundation & Practice—as the basis for analysing our work. We have made this change as we believe these new terms are a better representation of our strategic goals.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The Finance and Risk Committee of the Board, which was established in 2011, continues to monitor and manage CSC's strategic risks and the risks surrounding CSC's operations, and meets at least five times a year. Risks are recorded in the CSC risk register which is reviewed at each meeting of the Finance and Risk Committee, and the risks, together with the effectiveness of mitigating actions, are reviewed on an ongoing basis. The Board also reviews CSC's risk register at each meeting.

The principal risks and uncertainties identified and measures taken this year include:

Financial Sustainability

Risk: CSC fails to raise enough income to support its core costs putting the organisation at risk. This is of particular concern at the present time given inflationary pressures and unfavourable environment for raising donor funds. There are also specific challenges around raising funds from institutional donors, which further impacts on this risk for CSC.

Mitigation: there has been a clear and renewed focus on its fundraising strategy, bringing in external expertise to support this. The Finance and Risk Committee continues to closely monitor the Fundraising Pipeline; there is a refreshed Development Board to take this forward; and CSC is building a clear case for support to engage donors with the value of CSC's work.

Safeguarding

Risk: Failure of safeguarding protections and processes

Mitigation: CSC has updated its Safeguarding Policy which has included the establishment of a Safeguarding Committee and responsibility at Director level for its implementation across the organisation and Board, see Deliver section.

Operational risks: subgranting

Risk: CSC's limited resources may not be sufficient to identify financial irregularity of partners.

Mitigation: More detailed and robust financial reporting are now in place. CSC is also moving towards building longer-term closer relationships with core partners. Whilst the trustees are satisfied that the mitigations in this area are appropriate, there remains an inherent level of risk due to the size and scale of CSC and the challenging environment in which some partners operate.

RESERVES

CSC's reserves policy states that the Charity must hold at least 3 months of running costs that are to be covered by unrestricted expenditure. This calculation is based on staff and administrative costs required for the next three months which are not covered by restricted funds.

As at 31 December 2024, CSC held total funds of £584,213 (2023: £428,448). Our restricted reserves at the end of 2024 were £284,442 (2023: £76,878) and our unrestricted reserves at the end of 2024 were £299,771 (2023: £351,570).

As of 31 December 2024, the minimum reserves requirement amounted to £81,833 and therefore unrestricted reserves were above the level required under the reserves policy.

The trustees have considered the level of reserves and are satisfied that it is appropriate that the reserves are above the minimum reserves requirement. This consideration has taken into account a number of factors including CSC's strategic plans, the challenging fundraising environment and the wider economic environment which includes inflationary pressures impacting the whole sector. The reserves requirement will be kept under regular review by the trustees.

FUNDRAISING

In 2024, we delivered against our fundraising strategy which we further refined. We continued to seek opportunities to retain and bring on board multi-year partnerships and were successful in securing funding from EA Foundation & A&O Shearman.

The fundraising landscape remains challenging. Increasingly, Trusts and Foundations have the approach 'by invitation only' and do not consider unsolicited applications. Within the period of this report, the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Foundation has still not renewed its support for civil society actors at the pre-pandemic levels, especially with respect to opening new calls for proposal.

Considering the present state of major institutional funding our primary focus is developing our individual, regular giving support and corporate donors. This renewed strategy was implemented more fully in the latter half of the year with the appointment of our new CEO. A golf event was held in October, as a way to engage new supporters, as well as a Big Give Campaign at the end of the year. We sought to build on the strong relationship that StreetInvest had developed with a range of loyal and committed donors. We have replicated their model, seeking to engage and retain smaller donors in a 12:04 Club (named after International Day for Street Children) and more significant 'StreetInvestors' who contribute at least £1000 per year, often giving a multi-year pledge. We continue to feel fortunate to be benefiting from the generous legacy left by Roger Hayes in 2021.

Due to staff and budget capacity, CSC does not currently engage in mass public fundraising, though it does fundraise from major donors and their networks. It did not employ any third-party fundraising agencies during the financial year ended 31 December 2024. During the current and previous year no complaints were received in respect of fundraising activity.

In 2024 CSC spent £48,061 on fundraising activities, which allowed the team to deliver these activities and report back to existing funders.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Consortium for Street Children is a registered charity (charity no. 1046579) and a company limited by guarantee (company no. 03040697) without share capital, registered in England and Wales. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The registered office is: 15 Old Ford Road, Room 4, London, England, E2 9PJ.

The trustees who served during the year ended 31 December 2024 and since the year end, are set out below:

E Smith (Co-Chair until 14 October 2024)
Y Ali Haque (appointed as Trustee/Director and as Co-Chair 14 October 2024)
P Mongia (Co-Chair from 25 April 2024)
I Malcomson (Treasurer from 12 November 2024)
S J Harper (resigned as Trustee/Director 12 November 2024)
L Brown (appointed as Trustee/Director 10 February 2025)
A L Burnett (resigned as Trustee/Director 2 August 2024)
R Chopel
J Irvine
D Lawrence (resigned as Trustee/Director 12 November 2024)
D Rozga
A Saunders
S Stevenson (appointed as Trustee/Director on 24 July 2025)
E C Williams

The trustees collectively form CSC's board of trustees ("the Board").

The senior management team consists of the following:

Pia MacRae, CEO (until May 2024)
Katherine Richards, Director of Programmes and Advocacy (Interim Co-CEO from June – October 2024)
Sian Wynne, Director of Programmes for Network, Practice, and Children's Participation (Interim Co-CEO from June – October 2024)
Felicite Holman, CEO (from October 2024)
Bereket Gebre, Programme Funding Manager (until June 2024)
James Goodburn, Finance Manager

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of CSC) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting for Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard application in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'. Company law requires directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

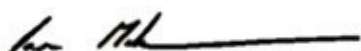
This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

SMALL COMPANY RULES

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small company regime.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 17 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Ian Malcomson
Trustee

Date 18 September 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF "CONSORTIUM FOR STREET CHILDREN" CHARITABLE COMPANY (THE COMPANY)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 50 to 70.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul Newton FCA
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Surrey
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Date: 22 September 2025



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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

				YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024	YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME					
<i>Donations:</i>					
Donations	3	65,335	25,231	90,566	256,849
Donated services		22,831	-	22,831	30,531
Legacies		106,679	169,948	276,627	-
Funds received on transfer of StreetInvest		-	-	-	1,755
Funds received on transfer of ChildHope	15	8,775	-	8,775	-
<i>Other trading activities:</i>					
Income from fundraising events		6,040	-	6,040	34,663
Investment income		4,325	-	4,325	2,100
Other		-	-	-	649
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Membership income		2,133	-	2,133	2,189
Network rental income		2,204	-	2,204	11,204
Consultancy		139	-	139	5,535
Grants	3	13,000	256,195	269,195	550,661
Total income		231,461	451,374	682,835	896,136
EXPENDITURE					
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>					
Cost of raising voluntary income		46,312	1,749	48,061	79,749
Charitable activities		236,948	242,061	479,009	739,202
Total Expenditure	4	283,260	243,810	527,070	818,951
Net expenditure		(51,799)	207,564	155,765	77,185
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(51,799)	207,564	155,765	77,185
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward		351,570	76,878	428,448	351,263
Total funds carried forward		299,771	284,442	584,213	428,448

The notes on pages 53 to 70 form part of these financial statements.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

A comparative Statement of Financial Activities showing the fund by fund analysis is shown in note 10.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2024

		31ST DECEMBER 2024		31ST DECEMBER 2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		529		1,255
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	117,649		96,575	
Cash at bank and in hand		228,536		277,623	
Investments		255,000		76,000	
Total current assets			601,185		450,198
CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
Creditors	7	(17,501)		(23,005)	
Total current liabilities			(17,501)		(23,005)
Net current assets			583,684		427,193
Net assets			584,213		428,448
RESERVES					
9					
Unrestricted funds					
General fund			299,771		351,570
Restricted funds	8		284,442		76,878
Total funds			584,213		428,448

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2024. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies under the small companies regime.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 17 September 2025.



Ian Malcomson

Trustee

Date: 18 September 2025

Company number: 3040697

The notes of pages 53 to 70 form part of these financial statements.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024	YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
	£	£
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	155,765	77,185
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	726	946
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(21,074)	(64,268)
(Decrease) in creditors	(5,504)	(25,559)
 Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities	 129,913	 (11,696)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	(1,557)
Purchase of short term investments	(179,000)	(26,000)
Net cash (used in)/ provided by investing activities	(179,000)	(27,557)
 CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE REPORTING PERIOD	 (49,087)	 (39,253)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE REPORTING PERIOD	277,623	316,876
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD	228,536	277,623
ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash in hand	228,536	277,623
Total cash and cash equivalents	228,536	277,623

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006 and include the results of the company's operations as indicated in the directors' report, all of which are continuing. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second Edition).

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling rounded to the nearest pound.

B. GOING CONCERN

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and the directors have not identified any material uncertainties in relation to the Charity's going concern status. The Charity is reliant on subscriptions, donations and fund raising activities. On the basis of projections available to the directors, the directors are confident that the charity will continue to operate and that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of these financial statements.

C. INCOME

Grants, donations, proceeds from fundraising, consultancy and subscriptions are accounted for on a receivable basis. Income is recognised when receipt is probable, the income can be reliably measured and the Charity has entitlement to the funds.

Receipt of a legacy is recognised when it is probable that it will be received. Receipt is normally probable when : there has been grant of probate; the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate, after settling any liabilities, to pay the legacy; and that any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the Charity or have been met.

D. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is charged on fixed assets so as to write them off over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Office equipment	33% of cost per annum
Fixtures and furnishing	25% of cost per annum

E. APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES

Expenditure is allocated to the particular activity where the cost directly relates to that activity. Where costs cannot be allocated directly they are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage as set out in Note 4

F. EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Costs of raising voluntary income comprise the costs associated with fundraising. Charitable expenditure comprises the costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the statutory requirements of the charity.

Grant commitments are treated as an advance on disbursement and recognised as expenditure on receipt and verification of grantee reporting.

G. GRANTEE REPORTING

Income is deferred to future accounting periods when this is specified by the donor.

H. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund together with a fair allocation of overheads.

I. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable without any specified purpose and are therefore available for general funds.

J. PENSIONS

The pensions costs charged to the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the Charity during the year. The Pension Scheme is a defined benefit contribution scheme with the employer paying contributions of 5% of salaries.

K. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The charity only has financial instruments which qualify as basic financial instruments under FRS 102. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently recognised at amortised cost.

L. RESERVES POLICY

CSC regularly reviews both its ongoing sustainability, and also the potential need to consider a possible shortfall in funds, which might require it to close. A review of CSC's operational expenditure commitments supports holding 3 months running costs (excluding gifts in kind and restricted expenditure for which funding has already been secured) as an absolute minimum unrestricted reserve when taking into consideration staff contracts, tenancy obligations and the associated costs of winding down the organisation should the situation so demand. Unrestricted reserves must also include an amount equivalent to the net book value of fixed assets. CSC monitors cash flow projections for the next 18 months every quarter, highlighting any uncertain income commitments. Any projected funding shortfall in CSC's reserves requirement (of 3 months running costs plus fixed assets excluding uncertain income) is immediately advised to the Board's Finance and Risk Committee for rectifying action. Ongoing committed costs are not expected to vary materially from current levels.

M. CREDITORS AND PROVISIONS

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

N. DONATED SERVICES

Donated services and facilities are included within the accounts at an assessment of the value to the charity, which reflects the value that the charity ascribes to the service or an appropriate alternative which would be purchased in the absence of the donated service.

O. CASH

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

P. STRUCTURE

Consortium for Street Children is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, with registered office of 15 Old Ford Road, Room 4, London E2 9PJ. It is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Consortium for Street Children is a registered charity, charity number 1046579.

2. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	256,894	355,438
National insurance costs	15,101	13,859
Other employee benefits (health insurance)	875	1,283
Pension contributions	12,965	19,105
	285,834	389,685

The average number of persons employed by the Charity was 12 (2023: 12).

As a number of the employees are employed on a part-time basis, the Trustees consider that the breakdown on a full time equivalent basis provides a more helpful understanding of the organisation. Detailed information by category is presented on a full time equivalent basis.

	2024	2023
Chief Executive	0.8	0.8
Director of Programmes - partnerships, advocacy and learning (maternity leave)	0.4	1.0
Director of Programmes - network, practice and child participation	0.6	0.8
Fundraising Manager	0.0	1.0
Finance and Operations Manager	0.5	0.6
Senior Research and Evaluation Officer	0.0	0.5
Senior Programme Officer	0.7	1.0
Senior Network Officer	0.7	0.6
Communications Officer	1.0	1.0
Senior Legal and Advocacy Officer	1.0	1.0
Project Officer (maternity leave)	0.0	0.6
Finance and Operations/Programmes Assistant	0.0	0.7
Total:	5.7	9.6

No director received any other remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in the year or prior year.

The number of employees earning £60,000 or more was as follows:

2024: £60,000 to £70,000: nil

2023: £60,000 to £70,000: nil

The total remuneration of the senior management team was £159,517 (2023: £217,599)

Senior Management Team re-constituted post-merger to CEO, Director of Programmes PAL, Director of Programmes NPCP, Finance Manager, Head of Programme Funding

3. INCOME

Donations	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 total
	£	£	£
Development Board	180,789	25,231	206,020
Corporate	22,831	-	22,831
	203,620	25,231	228,851

Included in the above are donated services with a value of £19,200 (2023: £30,531)

Grants	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total
	£	£	£
IDS/DFID	-	72,010	72,010
BFSS - Sierra Leone Education Project	-	30,000	30,000
Allan & Nesta Ferguson Trust	-	20,000	20,000
EA Foundation - Mombasa Education Project	-	25,000	25,000
EA Foundation - South Asia Project	-	45,000	45,000
EA Foundation (Unrestricted)	3,000	-	3,000
Lions Club	-	2,000	2,000
A&O Shearman Foundation	-	50,000	50,000
UCL	-	12,185	12,185
Greendale Trust	10,000	-	10,000
Total:	13,000	256,195	269,195

COMPARATIVE INCOME FOR 2023

Donations	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 total
	£	£	£
Development Board	209,891	43,101	252,992
Corporate	34,388	-	34,388
	244,279	43,101	287,380

Grants	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total
	£	£	£
IDS/DFID	-	210,737	210,737
Red Nose Day USA 2023	-	254,083	254,083
BFSS - Mombasa Education Project	-	18,771	18,771
BFSS - Sierra Leone Education Project	-	27,634	27,634
Mercury Phoenix Trust	-	5,000	5,000
Gilchrist Educational Fund	-	1,171	1,171
Sigrid Rousing Trust	15,000	-	15,000
Souter Charitable Trust		3,000	3,000
St James' Place Foundation		10,000	10,000
UCL		5,265	5,265
Total:	15,000	535,661	550,661

4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Basis of allocation	Policy	Narrative	Foundation	Practice	Generating Voluntary Income	Governance	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities								
Direct Staff costs	Direct	45,724	36,261	54,286	61,704	3,371	-	201,346
Direct Programme costs	Direct	12,684	11,014	-	13,271	-	-	36,969
Implementation via Network partners	Direct	32,481	4,259	81,407	437	-	544	119,128
Fundraising	Direct	-	-	-	-	18,148	-	18,148
Donated Services	Direct	-	-	-	-	2,740	20,091	22,831
		90,889	51,534	135,693	75,412	24,259	20,635	398,422
Support costs allocated to activities								
Support Staff costs	% workload	12,851	7,170	8,228	22,332	21,494	22,780	94,855
Premises	% direct	4,664	2,602	2,986	4,721	1,337	1,198	17,508
Office	% direct	1,719	959	1,100	1,740	493	441	6,452
Communication	% direct	355	198	227	360	102	91	1,333
Legal & Professional	% direct	49	27	32	50	14	3,589	3,761
Indirect Programme Support	% direct	1,262	705	808	1,278	362	324	4,739
Total expenditure		111,789	63,195	149,074	105,893	48,061	49,058	527,070
Unrestricted		40,887	26,531	54,034	68,547	46,312	46,949	283,260
Restricted		70,902	36,664	95,040	37,346	1,749	2,109	243,810
Total expenditure		111,789	63,195	149,074	105,893	48,061	49,058	527,070
		21%	12%	28%	20%	9%	10%	

The total costs directly allocated to activities comprise £119,127 grant funding of activities and £279,296 direct costs The details of grants made in the year are in note 13.
Governance costs include remuneration paid to the accountant for independent examination services of £2,520

4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE - PRIOR YEAR

	Basis of allocation	Policy	Narrative	Foundation	Practice	Generating Voluntary Income	Governance	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities								
Direct Staff costs	Direct	64,812	87,230	45,996	59,738	254	-	258,030
Direct Programme costs	Direct	51,072	148	2,799	11,285	-	-	65,304
Implementation via Network partners	Direct	62,786	24,125	151,790	13,229	-	1,903	253,833
Fundraising	Direct	-	-	-	-	31,131	-	31,131
Donated Services	Direct	-	-	-	-	3,664	26,868	30,532
		178,670	111,503	200,585	84,252	35,049	28,771	638,830
Support costs allocated to activities								
Support Staff costs	% workload	17,972	10,027	11,508	32,017	41,571	23,490	136,585
Premises	% direct	7,303	4,075	4,677	7,394	2,094	1,876	27,419
Office	% direct	1,731	966	1,108	1,752	496	445	6,498
Communication	% direct	296	165	190	300	85	76	1,112
Legal & Professional	% direct	148	83	95	150	42	2,598	3,116
Indirect Programme Support	% direct	1,436	801	919	1,454	412	369	5,391
Total expenditure								
		207,556	127,620	219,082	127,319	79,749	57,625	818,951
Unrestricted								
		48,381	13,916	18,778	45,392	73,742	49,312	249,521
Restricted								
		159,175	113,704	200,304	81,927	6,007	8,313	569,430
Total expenditure								
		207,556	127,620	219,082	127,319	79,749	57,625	818,951
		25%	16%	27%	16%	10%	7%	

5. FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Total fixed assets
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 31 December 2023	12,247	-	12,247
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	12,247	-	12,247
Depreciation			
At 31 December 2023	10,992	-	10,992
Provision for year	726	-	726
At 31 December 2024	11,718	-	11,718
Net Book Value at 31 December 2024	529	-	529
Net Book Value at 31 December 2023	1,255	-	1,255

6. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grant debtors	7,689	10,516
Prepayments	377	272
Accrued Income	109,583	85,787
	117,649	96,575

7. CREDITORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grant creditors	6,448	5,695
Accruals and deferred income	2,551	4,861
Other creditors	3,724	4,408
Other tax and social security	4,778	8,041
	17,501	23,005

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Income	Total Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£		
IDS/DFID	25,436	210,737	(221,498)	-	14,675
Red Nose Day USA 2022	9,604	-	(9,604)	-	-
Red Nose Day USA 2023	-	254,083	(234,877)	-	19,206
Big Give 2022	2,040	-	(2,040)	-	-
Big Give 2023	12,232	15,450	(27,682)	-	-
Big Give 2024	-	27,651	-	-	27,651
BFSS (Sierra Leone Education Project)	-	35,634	(38,582)	-	(2,948)
Mombasa Education Project	12,476	19,942	(25,247)	647	7,818
UCL	-	5,265	-	-	5,265
West Africa Project	5,758	-	(4,000)	(647)	1,111
South Asia Project	-	10,000	(5,900)	-	4,100
	67,546	578,762	(569,430)	-	76,878
	Balance at 1 January 2024	Income	Total Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£		
IDS/DFID	14,675	72,010	(86,685)	-	-
Red Nose Day USA 2023	19,206	-	(19,206)	-	-
Big Give 2024	27,651	10,098	(22,749)	(15,000)	-
Big Give 2025	-	10,209	-	(10,209)	-
BFSS (Sierra Leone Education Project)	(2,948)	30,000	(27,052)	-	-
UCL	5,265	12,185	(14,827)	(1,891)	732
Mombasa Education Project	7,818	45,000	(23,161)	5,832	35,489
West Africa Project	1,111	50,000	(18,882)	15,209	47,438
South Asia Project	4,100	51,924	(31,248)	6,059	30,835
ChildHope Legacy (restricted)	-	169,948	-	-	169,948
	76,878	451,374	(243,810)	-	284,442

Several funds have been amalgamated to create 3 main project groups, Mombassa Education Project, West Africa Project & South Asia Project.

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS (CONTINUED)

The purpose of each restricted fund received in the year is as follows:

IDS/DFID

This project works to increase children's options to avoid engaging in hazardous and exploitative labour. The work is taking place in Bangladesh and Nepal.

Big Give 2024

In 2024, funds raised during the Christmas Challenge 2023 campaign have supported CSC to adapt our transformational street work training for online delivery, increasing its reach and accessibility for practitioners all over the world. It also supported street work interventions and face to face training in Ghana, Kenya and India, putting more trained, trusted adults in street-connected children's lives. During the year £5,000 funds were transferred to partners in each of the 3 above project areas. £15,000 in total

Big Give 2025

In 2025, funds raised during the Christmas Challenge 2024, have been used to support our participatory advocacy 'Street Champion' programme in West Africa with four partners in Nigeria, Ghana and Sierra Leone, and CSC's wider West Africa Strategic Advocacy Group. In total £10,209 was transferred to the West Africa Project during the year

Sierra Leone Education Project

Through provision of opportunities for war-displaced SCCYP to engage in trauma-informed education and vocational training WeYone Child Foundation, Concern for the Deprived Welfare Association and CSC aim to improve their ability to earn income and provide for themselves. Replicable training will be developed alongside this to be shared by CSC, and CSC will host an Education Working Group to share learning and resources.

UCL Forging Pathways Fund

CSC has been subcontracted by UCL to deliver a series of activities as part of a knowledge exchange partnership project exploring street-connected youth's experiences of street-connectedness, everyday and during the covid crisis, and how this can inform policy decisions in the future. This includes onward granting to three CSC partners CINI, Glad's House Kenya and Grambangla Unnayan Committee and the cost of local and international workshop events.

Mombasa Education Project

This project bridges the gap in education access and outcomes for street-connected children in Mombasa, providing a model for inclusive education for the most marginalised and "difficult" children. During the year £5,000 was transferred from the Big Give 24 fund and £832 was transferred from the UCL Forging Pathways Fund. £5,832 in total.

West Africa Programme

This initiative promotes and protects street-connected children's rights and access to justice at national, regional and international levels, by enabling local innovation and participatory action led by street children's views and experiences; equipping NGOs to secure access to justice for street-connected children; contributing critical insights to UN and other human rights processes. During the year £5,000 was received from the Big Give 24 fund and £10,209 from the Big Give 25 fund. £15,209 in total.

South Asia Project

CSC are working with partner CINI on a city-wide response to make street-connected children in Kolkata safer, with better access to essential services and sense of belonging in their community. This programme includes training for service providers, participatory advocacy at local, municipal, national and international levels and a trusted adult street work response in seven wards of the city. During the year £5,000 was transferred from the Big Give 24 fund and £1,059 was transferred from the UCL Forging Pathways Fund. £5,832 in total.

ChildHope Legacy (Restricted)

In 2025 CSC are administering seven grants to network members who were previously supported by ChildHope, a UK-based CSC member organisation which closed in 2024. These are funded by two generous legacies donated to ChildHope and transferred to CSC. The grants will support the sustainability of the seven organisations who are based in East and West Africa and South Asia.

9. RESERVES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Brought forward	351,570	76,878	428,448
Net (expenditure)/ income	(51,799)	207,564	155,765
Carried forward	299,771	284,442	584,213

Reserves are represented as follows:

Fixed assets	529	-	529
Current assets	316,744	284,442	601,185
Current liabilities	(17,501)	-	(17,501)
	299,772	284,442	584,213

Comparative reserves from 2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Brought forward	283,717	67,546	351,263
Net income	67,853	9,332	77,185
Carried forward	351,570	76,878	428,448

Reserves are represented as follows:

Fixed assets	1,255	-	1,255
Current assets	373,320	76,878	450,198
Current liabilities	(23,005)	-	(23,005)
	351,570	76,878	428,448

10. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Income			
Donations			
Donations	213,748	43,101	256,849
Donated services	30,531	-	30,531
Legacies	-	-	-
Funds received from StreetInvest	1,755	-	1,755
Other trading activities			
Income from fundraising events	34,663	-	34,663
Investment income	2,100	-	2,100
Other	649	-	649
Charitable activities			
Membership income	2,189	-	2,189
Network rental income	11,204	-	11,204
Consultancy	5,535	-	5,535
Grants	15,000	535,661	550,661
Total income	317,374	578,762	896,136
Expenditure			
Cost of raising voluntary income	73,742	6,007	79,749
Charitable activities	175,779	563,423	739,202
Total expenditure	249,521	569,430	818,951
Net expenditure	67,853	9,332	77,185
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	67,853	9,332	77,185
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	283,717	67,546	351,263
Total funds carried forward	351,570	76,878	428,448

11. RELATED PARTIES

in 2024, total donations of £29,404 were received from trustees and entities controlled by trustees (2023: £53,308).

There were no other related party transactions in the current or preceding accounting periods.

12. LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December CSC had minimum lease commitments of £12,830 (2023: £17,353) which were due within one year and £nil (2023: £606) that were due in 1-2 years.

13. GRANT EXPENDITURE BY INSTITUTION

		2024	2023
Institution		£	£
Bahay Tuluyan	Keeping street-connected children safe	-	15,262
CHETNA	Keeping street-connected children safe	-	2,363
Child Life Line (CLL)	Keeping street-connected children safe	-	1,548
CINI	Regional coordinating partner for the Global Alliance for Street Work	23,503	25,529
CODWEIA	Addressing trauma among war-displaced street-connected children	7,806	12,172
CWIN	Keeping street-connected children safe	-	11,856
CWISH	Understanding and addressing the worst forms of child labour	25,240	91,299
DAM	Understanding and addressing the worst forms of child labour	-	13,484
Glad's House Kenya	Regional coordinating partner for the Global Alliance for Street Work	23,129	33,561
GU	Keeping street-connected children safe	-	500
GUC	Promoting street children's rights in Bangladesh	10,774	-
Isa Wali Empowerment Initiative	Regional coordinating partner for the Global Alliance for Street Work	-	15,212
MFCS	Regional coordinating partner for the Global Alliance for Street Work	12,046	18,469
SAEIVAC	Understanding and addressing worst forms of child labour	6,500	-
Search for Justice	Keeping street-connected children safe	-	1,048
WYCF	Keeping street-connected children safe/addressing trauma among war-displaced street-connected children	10,129	11,530
		119,127	253,833

14. GRANT COMMITMENTS

At 31st December 2024 the charity had a grant commitment of £79,038 (2023: £80,831)

Advances to Partners at 31st December 2024	7,688
Further commitments 2025	65,408
Further commitments 2026	5,942
	79,038

The further commitments in 2025 are in relation to 4 Projects:

South Asia Project: Commitment for 1 partner (£16,315)

West Africa Project: 2025 commitments in place in relation to 4 partners (£26,475)

Mombasa Education Project: 2025 commitments for 1 partner (£21,768)

BFSS-Sierra Leone commitments for 1 partner (£850)

15. TRANSFER OF CHILDHOPE BANK BALANCE AND LEGACIES

On 29th April 2024 Consortium for Street Children were notified by ChildHope (registered charity no 328434) of their intention to transfer beneficiary rights to two of their legacies to Consortium for Street Children by way of deeds on transfer, as part of ChildHope's close down.

All monies received are under agreement to be divided 75% restricted (to be distributed between 7 partners) and 25% unrestricted.

Separate to this, cash in hand of £8,775 was transferred from ChildHope on 18th June 2024. This comprises all unrestricted funds.

Consortium for Street Children did not assume any responsibility for the activities or historic liabilities for ChildHope. ChildHope was removed from the Charity Commission register on 16th September 2024.



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