



South West International
Development Network



Annual Report & Financial Statements

2024

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Hello and welcome,

Thank you for taking the time to explore our Annual Impact Report. This is a document we love to put together each year, and it forms part of how we reflect about our work and its impact. It captures the progress we've made, the lessons we've learned, and the communities we've had the privilege to work alongside.

This year, we're proud to share about some research we did to capture the scope of registered international development charities in the South West, our work with the UK Alliance to deliver funding from the British Government to better support civil society in the South West, and the launching of a mentorship scheme to support collaborative partnerships, individual growth and professional development.

Behind every number is a story, and we share some of those stories here. As ever, I'm proud to be part of the SWIDN team and the amazing network of our members and supporters across the South West who work so hard to make our world a better place. We hope you'll see not just impact, but intention, in the following stories, as well a solid foundation for what comes next.

Hannah S. Doornbos

Hannah Stevenson Doornbos
Executive Director, SWIDN

As Co-Chairs of the Board, it is our privilege to share with you this year's Annual Impact Report. This report represents more than a summary of the past twelve months - it reflects the collective effort, resilience, and commitment of our team, our members and our wider community. In a time marked by both challenge and opportunity, we are proud of the progress made, the partnerships strengthened, and the impact achieved.

This year, we've seen board-level changes, with Sarah Galvin retiring as co-chair and board member in December and Rachel Haynes stepping up from her role as Trustee to become co-chair. Throughout the year, we have remained focused on supporting our members and wider civil society across the South West, working to do so in collaboration and with integrity. The milestones you'll see in the pages that follow are not just indicators of success, but a testament to what is possible when communities work together to make change happen.

On behalf of the entire Board, we extend our deepest gratitude to our members, staff, partners and supporters, for working with us in 2024.

With sincere thanks,

Frances Hill and Rachel Haynes
CO-Chairs of SWIDN

We bring together diverse perspectives, resources and expertise locally to tackle complex issues globally.

We exist to strengthen efforts to achieve global justice, and to protect and support civil society, which we believe is essential for social change towards a more just and equitable world for all.

Through our work:

- ☐ We connect people and ideas for innovative partnerships.
- ☐ We provide training and learning opportunities to improve practice.
- ☐ We resource transformative change in the sector.

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Staff Members

10

Board Members

118

Network Members



Our impact in 2024

'It is of enormous value to me to be able, through SWIDN, to connect with others working in Bristol and the South West on issues relating to global solidarity, decolonisation, international human rights. I also really appreciate that SWIDN works with individuals, as well as organisations, and at the personal as well as the organisational level. So whoever we work for, we have that personal connection.'

SWIDN Member, 2024

328

Event participants

5636

Community Members

5

Networking events

6

Annual conference sessions

12

Training courses

22

Thematic working group meetings

45

Online and in-person events

Connecting people and ideas

Mentorship

In January 2024, we launched a pilot mentorship programme in collaboration with Shaenna Loughnane, founder of Kuandaa Consultancy. We're sincerely grateful to Shaenna for her dedication in delivering this scheme in partnership with SWIDN, and for the many hours she generously volunteered to ensure the scheme ran smoothly.

Between January - June 2024, we enabled 21 mentorship partnerships to meet together across the South West. Of those who responded to our final feedback surveys, 100% of the mentees found their mentorship relationships positive and 100% agreed that SWIDN should run the scheme again.

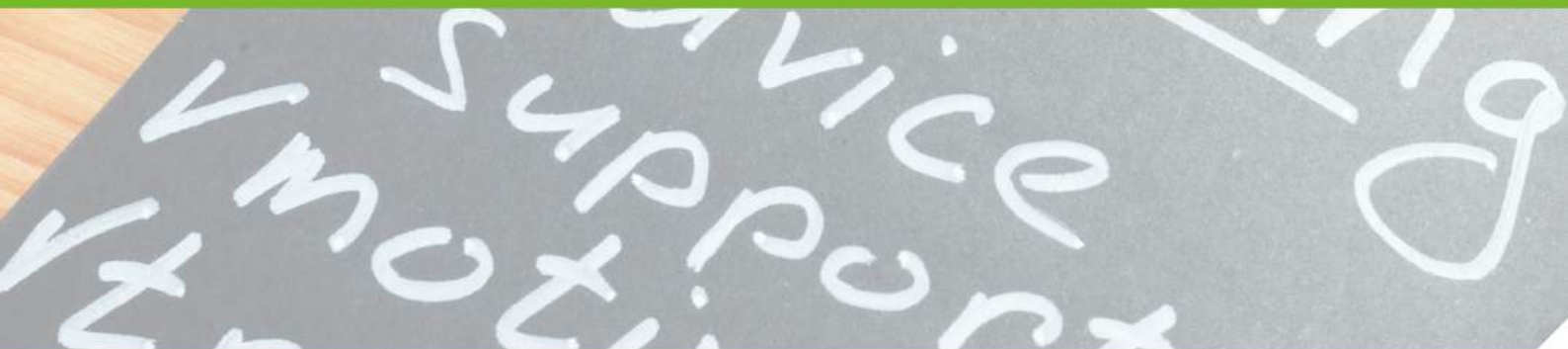
Feedback from Mentors and Mentees

'My mentor was supportive, engaging and was open to discussing a variety of challenges and 'what I was finding difficult this week'. The sessions were open and honest and I felt able to share personal challenges that were also affecting my work which was very supportive.'

'I've had a really positive experience, and I thought the check-ins about how the scheme were going were excellent as it felt a lot of effort and thought were going into making the pilot work well.'

'I learnt that a lot of my experience that has been gained simply from having worked in the charity field for many years is valuable to another person who is a little bit less far along the path than me'

'It was great to mentor someone just starting in their career - it made me realise that I am not a "new comer" any more!'

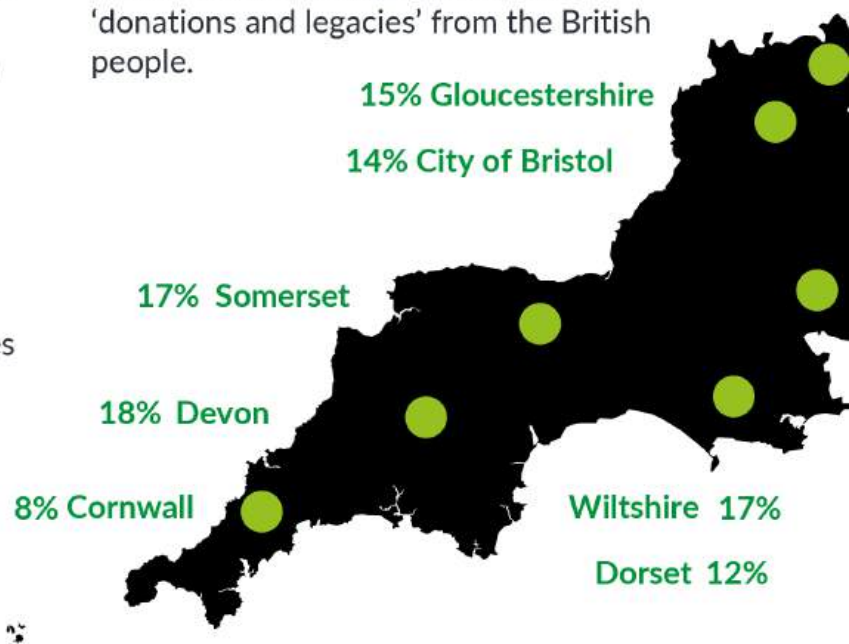


Mapping International Development Charities in the South West

In October 2024, we published our report 'Mapping the Sector in the South West', a culmination of months of analysis from data in the public domain published by the Charity Commission. The purpose of this project was to provide a snapshot of registered charities in the South West who are working towards tackling global poverty and inequality outside the UK, to inform our support to charities in the region and our knowledge of the scope and scale of the sector here.

We found 524 charities working in International Development and registered in the South West. This figure did not take into account registered charities who were more than 12 months overdue with their annual accounts (a figure which changes daily), charities who had a regulatory alert issues by the Charity Commission, charities who reported less than £100 in income for 2 years, grant-making trusts who report giving grant funding to multiple organisations, charities who are not working in countries identified as a priority by the UK Government for aid and development, charities not focused on delivering the SDGs, and charities who reported their primary purpose as prompting religious faith.

We found that these registered charities had a total, combined income of £267 million GBP, including £200m from 'donations and legacies' from the British people.



We also found that:

- There are international development charities spread across the whole of the Westcountry, including in Devon (18%), Wiltshire and Somerset (17% respectively), Gloucestershire (15%), the City of Bristol (14%), Dorset (14%) and Cornwall (8%).
- There is at least 1 registered international development charity in all 58 parliamentary constituencies in the South West.
- We also found they were working in 117 countries around the world.
- 90% of registered international development charities in the South West are small, reporting an annual income of less than £500,000

You can read our full report [here](#).

Networking

One of the biggest networking events of our year celebrates International Womens Day. To mark International Women's Day 2024, we hosted a discussion focused on learning from grassroots women's organisations. This was partly in response to the UK Government's commitment, outlined in the November 2023 White Paper on International Development, to fund grassroots women's groups. We had the privilege of hearing from Dr Atuki Turner, Godess Bvukutwa, and Dr Stella Nyanzi, who shared insights from their work in Uganda and Zimbabwe as grassroots leaders of civil society organisations and movements addressing gendered injustice. We are very grateful to Atuki, Godess and Stella for sharing about their radical work.

40

Registered participants

'It's very refreshing to join an IWD day event about sharing learning, and the work throughout the year (and years), and how we can work together across borders in ways that have actually been impactful. Thank you for sharing!'

IWD 2024 Participant

"Thanks for a very enriching storytelling session!"

IWD 2024 Participant

'Thank you all for this power packed session of learning and sharing.'

IWD 2024 Participant

A photograph of wooden letter blocks arranged on a wooden surface to spell out the words 'GRASSROOTS' and 'POWER' in two rows. The blocks are light-colored with dark letters. The background is a warm-toned wooden table with other letter blocks scattered around.

GRASSROOTS
POWER

Training and Learning

Collaboration sits at the heart of every event we host - designed not only to share knowledge, but to enable connections, encourage new partnerships, and strengthen the collective capacity of our sector. We also recognise the financial and capacity constraints many of our members face when it comes to investing in professional learning and development.

That's why we offer a range of training opportunities - both free and ticketed - delivered online and in person, within UK school times and dates as much as we are able to, with payable tickets tiered according to organisational income. Our goal is to ensure we are offering accessible, relevant, and responsive information and support that addresses the needs of our community.

504

Registered participants

77%

Found SWIDN events a useful place to connect and network

49%

Registered participants

97%

Gained new knowledge from our events

84%

Felt better connected to the sector in the SW as a result of SWIDN

'I just wanted to send across my gratitude for organising and leading last week's training. I found it hugely helpful and on a personal note one of the most relevant trainings I have ever received. The trainer was spot on with the content and the delivery of the session - my only wish was that it was a weekly/monthly session! I found I have taken away lots of useful strategies to use going forward. I have recommended it to all my colleagues as I truly felt it was invaluable training if it were to ever be offered again.'

SWIDN Member

'Brilliant sessions, very relevant and important. The host made it easy to talk about our own weaknesses on the topic and ask questions so we can go forward and do better.'

SWIDN Member

In 2024, we delivered a series of trainings along two broad themes: firstly, to enhance, equip and support organisational effectiveness, and secondly, to address and improve equity in the international development sector. We also committed to ensuring issues of equity, into anticoloniality, antiracism and power critical analyses were included within all of our discussions of operational effectiveness.

Operational Effectiveness

Financial Management for Small INGOs
Mentorship Skills
Climate Fresk
Safeguarding for Trustees and UK Staff
AI - Implications, Benefits and Challenges
Writing for Impact

Addressing Equity

Swahili Language Training
Localisation Training
Designing and Anti-Racism Policy
East Africa Discussion Group
World Earth Day
Wellbeing at Work

Supporting Sector Change

Supporting LGBTQI+ Justice Internationally

In 2024, we held a series of Working Group discussions building on the work we carried out in 2023 to support our members operating in Uganda to respond to the legal changes following the passage of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill. We are grateful for the support and knowledge of *Let's Walk Uganda* for partnering with us in this work.

Self-care as a Tool for Recognising Inequity

We partnered with Dr Vik Mohan, a working GP in Exeter and founder director of SWIDN member organisation Blue Ventures, to address wellbeing amongst our membership. Vik delivered a workshop particularly recognising burnout and mitigating the risk with changes to ways of working.

This workshop was part of our work to transform our sector away from colonial ways of working towards greater equity and solidarity. We know that some of the ways of working in our sector, particularly cultures of permanent busyness, can exhaust the space we need to connect with ourselves. It can be difficult to recognise inequity in the work we do when our capacity for reflexivity is overwhelmed.

'This has been one of the most impactful trainings I've ever attended, thank you.'
Wellbeing Training Participant, June 2024

Enabling Change through Language

In 2024, we offered monthly language learning classes as a practical means to support our members with the skills they need to shift power in their work, individually and organisationally. Through monthly online Swahili workshops led by Tanzanian nationals in partnership with Lugha Swahili School, our members working in East Africa improved their language knowledge and confidence. We offered opportunities for beginners and intermediate language speakers and were delighted to see so many of our members attending these important skills-based sessions.

30

Registered participants

14

SW organisations

Who are we learning from?

Over the last few years, we have hosted a number of events which looked at addressing coloniality in knowledge production about international development. We have repeatedly heard the challenge to shift the location of our knowledge away from privileged voices in the UK and back to the communities where development projects are implemented.

In 2024, we wanted to improve how we monitor the knowledge that we platform and so we asked all our contributors to complete a demographics survey. We are grateful to 24 individuals for completing our survey.

A faint world map is visible in the background of the infographic, showing the continents in a darker shade of green against the lighter green background.

68%

Identified as people of colour

79%

Identified as heterosexual/
straight

48%

Identified as being from the
'Global South' or from 'South
of the Sahara'

17%

Identified that their day-to-
day activities were limited a
little because of a health
problem or disability

75%

Identified as female

Conference 2024

SWIDN's annual conference is always centred on themes of equity and justice, each year addressing a key theme within the sector. In 2024, we focused on 'Locally-led Development', exploring topics such as reparative funding as an alternative to traditional aid, the value of indigenous knowledge in contrast to the SDGs, and approaches to locally-led monitoring and evaluation that centres communities over donors. Practical sessions included a workshop on recruiting diverse board members, and our member-focused session heard from member organisations on their experiences shifting toward local leadership, including relocating management roles abroad, decolonising branding, ending certain programmes, and adapting governance processes.

We closed with a virtual networking session, using the photography of Angèle Etoundi Essamba as a structure for an informal discussion on locally-led images and story-telling as a means of connecting. We're very grateful to Angèle Etoundi Essamba for her permission to view her work.

127

Registered participants

72%

Participants were in the SW

5

Events

95%

Of participants felt challenge to reflect, innovate and improve the way they/ their organisation works

82%

Of participants were SWIDN members

96%

Positive Feedback

SWIDN's Community

Our Members

We are grateful to all our members for their continued support and engagement throughout 2024. Each year we see some movement within our membership as people move between roles, move in and out of the South West, or shift their financial priorities elsewhere. In 2024, we welcomed 22 new members and said goodbye to 19. We closed the year with 121 members in total.

Our Partners

SWIDN has been a part of the **UK Alliance** since 2019. The UK Alliance is a group of infrastructure charities that exist to support international civil society across the UK and, in addition to SWIDN, includes Hub Cymru Africa (HCA), Scotland's International Development Alliance (SIDA), the Coalition for Aid and Development Agencies (CADA) in Northern Ireland, the Small International Development Charities Network (SIDCN) and Bond in the UK. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office fund the UK Alliance through Bond, of which SWIDN received £26,047 in 2024.



Our Local Community

In 2024, SWIDN also benefitted from support through the Social Economy West WECA Scale Up Programme, designed to grow and support the social economy in the West of England. We were able to access training and learning opportunities throughout the year tailored to building resilience in the social impact sector, as well as building vital networks with other South West based organisations and individuals working for similar social justice goals. We are very grateful to VOSCUR and the School for Social Entrepreneurs for enabling our participation and supporting SWIDN's growth and development.

Our Plans for 2025

In 2024, we undertook a strategy review in which we committed to working on 3 cross-cutting issues between 2024 - 26. These are:

Growth

- *Continuously learning to improve practice*
- *Resourcing best practice and professional development*
- *Enabling collaboration and partnerships*
- *Supporting greater efficiency, impact and resilience*

Anti-colonisation

- *Actively pursuing anti-racist practice*
- *Interrogating colonial ideologies in policy and practice*
- *Learning from local expertise and lived experience*
- *Highlighting misrepresentation in language and imagery*

Climate Justice

- *Valuing planet and people*
- *Recognising individual and organisational power and responsibility*
- *Acknowledging the greatest impact on global majority communities*
- *Challenging misinformation*

These priorities continue to guide our activities, in addition to requests we receive from our members.

Care Reform in 2025

One of the findings from our research into the sector in the South West found that 12% of registered international development charities in the South West still support orphanages, despite widespread consensus that institutional care is not best practice for marginalised children. In response to our findings, SWIDN will host a 2025 event in partnership with Hope and Homes for Children, a South West-based organisation leading the call for care reform, as well as our partner and member Hub Cymru Africa.

Building Resilience within Civil Society

After reflecting on the experience of some of charitable members in 2024, we identified a gap in support for civil society that addresses core themes with building resilience in mind. As such, we are planning a 4-part series in May 2025 to build charity resilience, addressing the broad themes of Funding, Shifting, Merging and Closing.

Development Studies Association Conference 2025, University of Bath

We're delighted to be working with the Centre for Development Studies, University of Bath to deliver two workshops at the DSA Conference 2025 to bring practitioner and academic voices together around issues of equity in our sector. CDS are a long-standing member of SWIDNs and will be hosting the DSA25 Conference next year.

As part of our strategic review in 2024, we also considered our organisational values, re-examining those that we had previously identified and changing these to adapt to our organisation as it is today. This was an important part of considering our approach to our strategic cross-cutting issues, to agreeing as a team how and why we would engage with issues of equity including coloniality and racism, and how we would prioritise and build positive working relationships across our community.

Our Values

We are committed to **integrity**, to practising honesty, accountability and transparency in all our actions and behaviours, both towards others and towards ourselves.

We are committed to **reflexivity**, to continuously reflect on how our own perspectives, biases, and contexts influence our thoughts and actions, and to critically examining our role and impact within our world.

We value people and are committed to understanding alternative perspectives and to celebrating our differences. We value **relationality** and resourcing equal and inspiring relationships.

We are committed to enabling greater **collaboration**, to both improve impact and efficiency, and because working together is a vital tool against injustice and inequality.

We value **intersectionality** through learning from diverse voices that represent the expertise of people experiencing global inequality, injustice and poverty. We are committed to tackling the root causes of global inequality.

We stand in **solidarity** with people experiencing poverty, inequality and injustice. We work in partnerships to end these, in recognition of our global interconnectedness and towards a fairer world for all.

Thank you

We are grateful to all our members, donors, volunteers, contributors, partners and supporters in 2024. We couldn't deliver our impact without you.

We are particularly grateful to:

Our Donors in 2024

- The FCDO Civil Society Collective Fund
- Bond

Our Volunteers in 2024

- Sarah Galvin
- Shaenna Loughnane
- Frances Hill
- Rachel Haynes
- Tigist Grieve
- Stuart Davis

Our Partners in 2024

- Stuart Davis Consulting Group
- Small International Development Charities Network (SIDCN)
- Hub Cymru Africa
- Scotland's International Development Alliance (SIDA)
- CADA Northern Ireland (CADA NI)
- Bond
- Triple Bottom Line Accounting
- Womble Bond Dickinson, Bristol
- Modular Digital

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

Year to 31 December 2024

Administrative Information

Charity name: South West International Development Network

Charity registration number: 1173320

Registered Office: C/o Future Leap, 16 Oakfield Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 2AP

Independent Examiner: Rupert Taylor

Independent Examiner Address: 5 Mount Pleasant, Millbrook, Torpoint, Cornwall PL10 1BH

Banking Provider: Lloyds Bank

Banking Provider Address: 25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN

Trustees in 2024 - 25

Frances Hill - Co-Chair

Rachel Haynes - Co-Chair

Stuart Davis - Treasurer

Tigist Grieve

Janet Whitelaw-Jones

Tom Urry

Sarah Galvin - Co-Chair (resigned 4 December 2024)

Donald Mavunduse (resigned 4 December 2024)

Ryan Stodart (appointed 5 March 2025)

Emma Hayward (appointed 5 March 2025)

Waradas Thiagaraja (appointed 5 March 2025)

Odein Princewill (appointed 5 March 2025)

Structure, Governance and Management

The South West International Development Network is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, incorporated on 7th June 2017 and registered as a charity on 7th June 2017. Its governing document is the Constitution dated 16th May 2017. Prior to this date, SWIDN operated as an unincorporated association, which donated all of its funds to the new charity on its incorporation. During 2023, the Trustees delegated the day to day operation of the company to the Executive Director and the Network Coordinator.

All trustees are nominated by existing trustees, and elected by a simple majority vote at the AGM or other Trustees' Meetings. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Objects and Activities

Charitable Objects

The promotion of the voluntary sector for the public benefit primarily in the south west of England in particular by building the capacity of charitable and voluntary organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty in any part of the world by providing them with advice, information and training and services to enable them to pursue their charitable purposes and improve the efficiency and management of their resources. "The Voluntary Sector' means charities and voluntary organisations.

- Charities are organisations, which are established for exclusively charitable purposes in accordance with the law of England and Wales.
- Voluntary organisations are independent organisations, which are established for purposes that add value to the community as a whole, or a significant section of the community, and which are not permitted by their constitution to make a profit for private distribution. Voluntary organisations do not include local government or other statutory authorities."

Public Benefit

The charity delivers public benefit by actively supporting the charitable and voluntary organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty in any part of the world by providing them with information, training, services and signposting to advice to enable them to pursue their charitable purposes and improve the efficiency and management of their resources. The Trustees are aware of the requirement of public benefit and seek to implement the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit. The ways in which SWIDN provides public benefit are described above.

Achievements and Performance

The trustees of the South West International Development Network (SWIDN) are pleased to report on another busy, productive and successful year for SWIDN in 2024. The network has continued a steady journey of growth and development in pursuit of its stated charitable aims and objectives. With the shared goal to see an end to global poverty, SWIDN plays an active role supporting charitable and voluntary organisations and individuals working to prevent or relieve poverty in any part of the world by providing them with training, information, convening services to strengthen collaboration and partnerships, and resources to enable them to pursue their goals and improve the efficiency and management of their resources.

Further details of our achievements and performance in 2024 are found within this report. We are proud of the impact we have been able to achieve and know that we have only been able to see this success because of the hard work and loyalty of our team, our partners, our members and our donors.

Safeguarding

As part of our work to improve Safeguarding within SWIDN, we are committed to reporting on our approach in every Annual Report. In 2024, over 90% of our events were delivered online and 100% of our events engaged adults. We do not work with children in the UK or internationally.

In 2024, we received feedback which led us to document 2 separate experiences of offence caused and experienced within a SWIDN online event. We received no formal safeguarding disclosures relating to either and did not categorise these as safeguarding incidences.

As part of working to keep our online spaces safer, we have Guidelines for Engagement which we share with participants at the start of each event. We continuously review these to ensure they remain relevant and effective.

Vision, Mission & Strategy



Our vision is of a thriving, dynamic and diverse network of organisations and individuals in the South West of the UK who effectively contribute to the global delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Our mission is to strengthen the capacity, knowledge, collaboration and voice of all South West International Development Network (SWIDN) members, enabling them to more effectively work towards the SDGs.



Our values are Integrity - Reflexivity - Relationality - Collaboration - Intersectionality - Solidarity

The SWIDN Team



The SWIDN secretariat continued in an employment model in 2024: Hannah Stevenson Doornbos remained in the role of Executive Director and Emma Sawyer remained in the role of Membership and Finance Manager. There were no changes to the staff team.



The SWIDN Board of Trustees changed slightly in 2024: Sarah Galvin and Donald Mavunduse left the Board of Trustees, and we ended the year with a recruitment process in place for 4 new trustees to begin in the first quarter of 2025.

We are particularly grateful to Sarah Galvin for her many years of friendship and support to SWIDN, both in her role as Trustee and then Co-Chair.

Fundraising

In 2024, we received £24,991 from Bond through the FCDO's Civil Society Collective fund. This was within a new grant period which began on 1 May 2024 and is due to run until 2027. This grant contributes towards our membership activities and events through funding staff time, specifically to support the resilience and collaboration of civil society and the transformation of our sector towards greater equity in practice.

We also received sponsorship for our Festive Drinks networking event from Triple Bottom Line Accounting. We are grateful to all our partners and sponsors for their support and engagement.

We continue to look for alternative funding sources to diversify our income in 2025.

Financial Review

During the year ending 31st December 2024, SWIDN received income of £46,910 (2023: 38,904). This income included £11,587 (2023: £14,244) from membership fee income, £1250 (2023: £3,500) from an unrestricted grant from Bond, £24,991 from a restricted grant from Bond (2023: £0), and £2,900 from donations of services and facilities (2023: £10,500). Expenditure during the year was £50,266 (2023: £48,616).

Trustees ensured reserves were not depleted through a strategic focus on fundraising and partnership building. They are satisfied that SWIDN remains a going concern on an ongoing basis.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' intention, as stated in SWIDN's Financial Policy and Procedures, to work towards building up reserves equal to 6 months' essential running costs, which equates to around £9,000.

At the balance sheet date the free reserves amounted to £12,752 (2023: £16,108). SWIDN continues to hold an additional £9,000 in a designated contingency reserve.

The trustees monitor and retain oversight of the charity's finances at all times and are satisfied that they are being managed effectively and correctly.

Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees

Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge there is no information relevant to the Independent Examination of which the Examiner is unaware.

The trustees also confirm that they have taken all necessary steps to ensure that they themselves are aware of all relevant financial information and that this information has been communicated to the Examiner.

The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Approved by the Trustees on 12th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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Frances Hill, Trustee



Stuart Davis, Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of South West International Development Network

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South West International Development Charity ("the Trust") for the year to 31st December 2024 which are set out below from pages 22 - 28.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements
- concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.
- 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.



Rupert Taylor
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Cornwall PL10 1BY

2nd July 2025

South West International Development Network
Statement of Financial Activities
(incorporating Income & Expenditure Account)
Year to 31st December 2024

		Year to 31/12/2024	Year to 31/12/2024	Year to 31/12/2024	Year to 31/12/2023
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
					[see Note 11]
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations	[2]	4,110	-	4,110	11,719
Charitable activities	[3]	17,406	24,991	42,398	26,914
Investments		403	-	403	270
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Total Income		21,919	24,991	46,910	38,904
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	[4]	25,275	24,991	50,266	48,616
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Total Expenditure		25,275	24,991	50,266	48,616
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Net Income / (Expenditure)		(3,356)	-	(3,356)	(9,712)
Transfers between funds	[8]	-	-	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Net Movement in Funds		(3,356)	-	(3,356)	(9,712)
Total funds brought forward		25,108	-	25,108	34,820
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Total funds carried forward		21,752	-	21,752	25,108

South West International Development Network

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2024

Charity number: 1173320

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets	[5]	-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments	[6]	410	593
Cash at bank and on hand		27,982	31,638
		-----	-----
		28,392	32,231
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accruals	[7]	6,640	7,123
		-----	-----
Net Current Assets		21,752	25,108
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Net Assets		21,752	25,108

The funds of the charity:

Unrestricted funds:

General funds	[8]	12,752	16,108
Designated funds	[8]	9,000	9,000

Restricted funds	[8]	-	-
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Total funds:		21,752	25,108
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Approved by the trustees on 12th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Frances Hill
Chair



Stuart Davis
Treasurer

South West International Development Network

Notes to the Accounts

Year to 31st December 2024

[1] Principal Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), as amended by Update Bulletin 1 issued on 2nd February 2016, and the Charities Act 2011.

South West International Development Network meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

While the charity recorded a small deficit in the year ending 31st December 2024, this was funded from reserves, and the 2025 budget forecasts a surplus on unrestricted funds. The charity has three year funding from FCDO from 2024 to 2026. The trustees therefore believe that the charity is a going concern over the medium term. For more details, see the Financial Review on page 19.

(c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of activities is deferred until the criteria for income recognition have been met (see Note 7).

(d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. The total of such donations during the year was £2,900 (2024 £10,500). In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of trustees and volunteers is not recognised with any monetary value.

(e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

(f) Fund Accounting

[i] Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

[ii] Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Management Committee for particular purposes.

[iii] Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(g) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. As the charity is not registered for VAT, all VAT on expenditure is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

[i] Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

[ii] Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities, and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

[iii] Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading. There were no such costs during the year in question.

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(h) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. These include office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's charitable activities.

(i) Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

(j) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are written off over the expected useful life of the asset, at 25% per annum on the reducing balance method. Individual items costing less than £500 are not treated as fixed assets.

(k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

(l) Cash at bank and in hand

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 account.

(m) Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charitable company 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 are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

[2] Income from donations

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £
Donated services and facilities	2,900	-	2,900	10,500	-	10,500
Individual donations	1,210	-	1,210	1,219	-	1,219
	<u>4,110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,110</u>	<u>11,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,719</u>

[3] Income from charitable activities

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £
Grants:						
Bond	1,250	24,991	26,241	3,500	-	3,500
Lawton Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000
Other grants	-	-	-	2,800	-	2,800
	<u>1,250</u>	<u>24,991</u>	<u>26,241</u>	<u>9,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,300</u>
Total grants	1,250	24,991	26,241	9,300	-	9,300
Membership fees	11,587	-	11,587	14,244	-	14,244
Other fees and ticket sales	4,069	-	4,069	3,070	-	3,070
Sponsorship	500	-	500	-	-	3,070
Compensation from bank	-	-	-	300	-	300
	<u>17,406</u>	<u>24,991</u>	<u>42,398</u>	<u>26,914</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,914</u>

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[4] Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Direct costs:</u>		
Salaries including pension	31,540	9,096
Freelance & professional fees	3,608	21,760
Marketing and communications	2,452	9,672
Activity delivery costs	4,448	1,543
Travel and accommodation	1,232	961
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	43,279	43,032
<u>Support costs:</u>		
Salaries including pension	3,504	1,011
Freelance & professional fees	900	3,242
Office costs	830	196
IT costs	494	307
Bank charges and commissions	222	16
Accountancy	308	164
Fee for independent examination	224	196
Insurance	505	452
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Total Support Costs	6,987	5,584
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Total Expenditure	50,266	48,616

As the charity only carries out one area of charitable activity, support costs have not been apportioned.

[5] <u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u>	Equipment
	2024
	£
<u>Cost</u>	
Opening balance	-
Additions during the year	-
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<u>Depreciation</u>	
Opening balance	-
Charge for the year	-
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Net Book Value at 31/12/24:	-
Net Book Value at 31/12/23:	-

[6] <u>Debtors and prepayments</u>	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	400
Grants due	194	-
Prepayments	215	193
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	410	593

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[7] Creditors

	2024	2023
Amounts due within 12 months:	£	£
Accruals	504	336
Deferred income	5,546	5,356
Tax and National Insurance	186	1,270
Pension liability	404	161
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	6,640	7,123

Deferred income consists of the proportion of membership fees received during 2023 which relate to 2024. All deferred income from 2022 was fully utilised in 2023.

[8] Movements in funds

	Balance at 31/12/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balance at 31/12/2024
<u>Restricted Funds:</u>					
Bond	-	24,991	(24,991)	-	-
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Total Restricted Funds:	-	24,991	(24,991)	-	-
<u>Unrestricted Funds:</u>					
Designated Funds:					
Bond	-	1,250	(1,250)	-	-
Contingency Reserve	9,000	-	-	-	9,000
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Total Designated Funds:	9,000	1,250	(1,250)	-	9,000
General Funds	16,108	20,669	(24,025)	-	12,752
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Total Unrestricted Funds:	25,108	21,919	(25,275)	-	21,752
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Total Funds:	25,108	46,910	(50,266)	-	21,752

The Bond grants fund SWIDN's core mission to support British overseas NGO's and their development.

As of 2024, the funding was increased and became restricted.

The Contingency Fund is to provide for running costs in the event of loss of income, in line with the charity's Reserves Policy.

Movements in funds

(previous year comparison)

	Balance at 31/12/2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between	Balance at 31/12/2023
<u>Unrestricted Funds:</u>					
Designated Funds:					
Bond	8,296	3,500	(11,796)	-	-
Contingency Reserve	9,000	-	-	-	9,000
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Total Designated Funds:	17,296	3,500	(11,796)	-	9,000
General Funds	17,524	35,404	(36,820)	-	16,108
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Total Unrestricted Funds:	34,820	38,904	(48,616)	-	25,108
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Total Funds:	34,820	38,904	(48,616)	-	25,108

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Year to 31st December 2024

[9] Payments to trustees and related party transactions

One trustee received an honorarium of £550 for delivering training during the year (2023 nil). The legal authority for these payments is contained in the charity's Memorandum of Association. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on trustee payments.

The trustees received no remuneration for acting as trustees during the year (2023 nil).

One trustee received expenses totalling £282 during the year (2023 nil). These were reimbursements of costs incurred in furtherance of the charity's objects.

One trustee donated professional services to the charity with a value of £900 (2023 £4,000 from two trustees).

There were no other related party transactions during the period.

[10] <u>Staff costs</u>	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross salaries	34,023	10,107
Employer pensions	1,021	303
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	35,044	10,410

The key management personnel of the charity during the period comprise the trustees and the Executive Director. The total employee benefits paid to the key management personnel during the year was period was £23,700 (2023 £17,919).

[11] Statement of Financial Activities: previous year

	Year to 31/12/2023	Year to 31/12/2023	Year to 31/12/2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Income:			
Donations	11,719	-	11,719
Charitable activities	26,914	-	26,914
Investments	270	-	270
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Total Income	38,904	-	38,904
Expenditure:			
Costs of raising funds	-	-	-
Charitable activities	48,616	-	48,616
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Total Expenditure	48,616	-	48,616
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Net Income / (Expenditure)	(9,712)	-	(9,712)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
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Net Movement in Funds	(9,712)	-	(9,712)
Total funds brought forward	34,820	-	34,820
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Total funds carried forward	25,108	-	25,108



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