DISCOVERSVS

England & Wales · Charity number 256146

Details

Other names	SWANSEA STUDENT COMMUNITY ACTION, SWANSEA VOLUNTEER SERVICE, DISCOVERY, DISCOVERY - STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1969-06-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA AND SURROUNDING AREAS, IN PARTICULAR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, THE FURTHERANCE OF HEALTH AND THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, DISTRESS AND SICKNESS.

Activities: Discovery SVS aims to;Challenging discriminationEnriching the lives of disadvantaged peopleSupporting disabled people in Swansea (and now Siavonga too!)

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA AND SURROUNDING AREAS
- City Of Swansea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£235,029	£229,471	-	-
2024-07-31	£274,679	£217,927	-	-
2023-07-31	£203,539	£204,301	-	-
2022-07-31	£185,206	£181,416	-	-
2021-07-31	£173,256	£172,238	-	-
2020-07-31	£156,162	£184,954	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Meredith-Davies		2025-04-29
Charlotte Cooke		2023-01-09
Dr Alison Walker		2022-01-01
Dr Felicity MCGEOWN		2021-01-01
Dr MIKE BUCKLE		
Emma Thomas		2023-01-09
Georgia Rees		2022-01-01
Joanne Parfitt		2025-04-29
Julia Mary Manser		2025-04-29
Louise Rees		2022-01-01
Malgozata Ragosko		2024-06-01
Mamta Behera		2023-01-09
Naman Kumar		2024-06-01
Natalie Jarvis		2022-01-01
Nia Besley		2025-04-29
Olugbenga Fayehun		2024-06-01
Omon Augustina Aiwekhoe		2024-06-01

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 FOR

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

Swansea University
Prifysgol Abertawe

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
The MBE for volunteer groups

DISCOVERY
Student Volunteering Swansea
Gwirfoddoli Myfyrwyr Abertawe

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Eleanor Norton

2024 to 2025 has been a busy and impactful year. Our incredible volunteers have contributed over 16,000 hours of volunteering. This achievement reflects the outstanding commitment and hard work of our staff team and project co-ordinators (lead student volunteers), who have worked tirelessly to ensure that safe, reliable and meaningful volunteering opportunities are available to every student who wishes to take part. Over the year, we have continued to strengthen and build on our relationships across the University and within the wider community. As always, we have taken time to reflect on and refine our offer, ensuring it remains purposeful, relevant and mutually beneficial for both our volunteers and the communities we serve. Our Trustees have played a vital role in both leading and supporting the organisation, particularly in strengthening our University and community partnerships. Meanwhile, our ambassadors have helped us reach and engage with even more students directly.

We have worked with even more community organisations enabling them to advertise meaningful and engaging volunteer roles to students, ensuring students can make a positive difference in a huge range of ways.

During 2024–2025, 607 active volunteers contributed over 16,000 hours. We offered 141 volunteering opportunities, delivered 28 induction sessions, 31 training sessions, and 41 one-off volunteering activities, alongside 13 of our own regular projects and 38 external partner projects.

I am immensely proud of our small organisation. With a core staff team of just six, supported throughout the year by employed student interns, we have created an environment where every volunteer can thrive. Whether stepping into leadership roles as trustees, project co-ordinators or ambassadors, or taking part in one-off opportunities, our volunteers are able to connect with others, develop their skills, and make a meaningful difference to both the community and their own futures.

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MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT PRESIDENT

Charlotte Cooke

Looking back at our last year from 2024 – 2025, it is wonderful to see the impact Discovery has had on our local communities. With over 16,900 hours of volunteering recorded across 607 active student volunteers, this equates to an estimated monetary value of £215,845.

Financially, despite sector wide challenges in funding we have had another successful year, receiving grants from both long-term and new funders, showing our continuous efforts are reflected in the support we receive. Throughout the year we have ensured our values remain true to what we achieve, by reflecting, growing and refining our work to ensure our work is impactful, meaningful and purposeful. Our trustees have taken time and effort to support and lead the organisation this year, with partnerships between the community and university strengthening.

We have offered 141 volunteering opportunities, 28 induction sessions, 41 one-off volunteering sessions, 31 training sessions, 13 regular student led project and 38 external projects. We are proud of the diversity that this number of opportunities allows for, and along with the ambassadors helping us to engage with students we continue to strive for more ways to grow.

Looking forward into 2025-2026, our 60th anniversary celebrations are beginning, and all of us here are excited to showcase and celebrate all the incredible work we have achieved over the past 50 years. We will be hosting a celebration event, as well as a Pledge 60 campaign as a way of celebrating all the amazing work we have all achieved.

While we often compare our volunteering hours to financial value to show the impact of our work, the real value is more than we can ever put a price on. What is truly valuable about the work we do is connections, enrichment of lives, empowerment, learning and support, which is not able to be reflected by any number. All of this makes us so incredibly proud, our students are truly the heart of Discovery, but it would also not be possible without staff, trustees, interns, funders, external partners, and all of our wonderful supporters.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

Who we are
Discovery is a registered charity that has been established since 1966. This year, 607 student volunteers contributed 16,929, hours of support to the community; we estimate the financial value of this support at £215,845. based on three quarters of these hours valued at the real living wage of £12 per hour and one quarter valued at an enhanced leadership rate of £15.

We recognise that the impacts, connections and relationships far exceed this value. We also recognise that the huge range of skills and experiences gained by our student volunteers are of huge value and will stand them in excellent stead in their future lives as well as greatly enhancing their student experience. Our organisation envisages a community where people are treated equitably and are not discriminated against or disadvantaged by society.

Discovery focuses on providing the best possible service to the people who we work with in Swansea, so we need skilled, trained, and enthusiastic volunteers.

Discovery aims to:

- Enrich the lives of the people in Swansea in order to fulfil their potential as empowered individuals and as members of groups and communities.
- Offer new experiences and opportunities through a broad range of student-led activities in the community, leading to increased mutual understanding and equality.
- Actively support students to be aware of their personal development and the impact upon themselves and the lives of others through their involvement in the community-based activities.

Every year Discovery offers a range of volunteering projects, these are a mix of our own projects, run entirely by our students with support from our staff and partner projects where we link with external charities and other parts of the university to support their activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document
Discovery is a registered charity and is governed by a constitution adopted on the 13th June 1969, amended on the 6th December 1979, 4th May, 15th June 1993, 16th February 1998, 15th February 2001, 8th June 2005, Feb 2007, March 2011, March 2015, December 2019 and November 2023. The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Objectives and aims
To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in the City and County of Swansea and surrounding areas, in particular the advancement of education, the furtherance of health and the relief of poverty, distress, and sickness.

Within the limitation of the above, to promote the following main areas:

- To encourage co-operation between voluntary groups, the statutory authorities, and individuals in the service of the community.
- To foster the ideal of voluntary/community service particularly amongst young people, by providing guidance and opportunities for personal development; learning and developing skills as well as participation in wide aspects of voluntary/community in wide aspects of voluntary/community involvement.
- To focus the attention of individuals connected with, as well as the institution of Swansea University and the community at large, onto social problems, with a view to creating a sense of individual responsibility and personal participation in remedying those problems.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Organisational structure
The Board of Trustees, made up of Student Trustees and Non-Student Trustees, appoints the staff of the organisation and oversees the operation of the organisation.

Discovery's staff members for the year ended 31st July 2025 were as follows:
Director: Eleanor Norton
Supported Volunteering Scheme Project Manager: Kirsty Rowles
Volunteering Projects Manager: Vixie Barker-Williams
Volunteer Recruitment and Marketing Manager - Sian Davies
Project Worker: Charlotte Crumpler
Finance Officer: Gabriela Wlodarczyk

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees
- Student and Non-Student Trustees shall be elected at the AGM for a three-year period, in accordance with the procedure for the AGM. They may stand for re-election.
- While student trustees may remain on the board once they have graduated, they cannot stand for re-election if they are no longer students.

Induction and training of new Trustees
Trustees are invited to attend approx. 2 days induction training. This training includes roles and responsibilities, team building, sub groups work and strategic planning sessions. On-going support is offered through regular meetings. Trustee training opportunities provided by Swansea Council for Voluntary Service, the Charity Commission and Wales Council for Voluntary Action are routinely offered to our trustees.

Public benefit
The Trustees have complied with their duty in relation to section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Risk Management
The Trustees have carried out a review of the major risks to the organisation and believe that the level of reserves policy is sufficient to cover adverse conditions that the organisation may face. The organisation has in place financial, personnel, and health and safety controls to limit the likelihood and impact of risks. All events and activities are risk assessed prior to commencement. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are carried out on all appropriate staff and volunteer roles. The Board of Trustees actively monitor the financial position.

Our fundraising promise
Discovery is a member of the Fundraising Standards Board self-regulatory scheme. The Fundraising Standards Board works to ensure that organisations raising money from the public do so honestly and properly. As a member of the scheme, we follow the Institute and Fundraiser's Codes of Fundraising Practice, and comply with the key principles embodied in the Codes and in the Promise. Further details can be found at www.frsb.org.uk.

Our achievements
This has been another busy year with our projects and students thriving.
We have contributed a wide range of initiative across the city and sustained our own projects.
A**ll of our projects are supported by our core grant from Swansea University and our own fundraising activities. We have been extremely fortunate to have been awarded funding by other grant making organisations; these are noted within the relevant projects.**

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Financial Review

This has been another successful year for Discovery; we have received grants from new funders as well as maintaining relationships with long term funders, demonstrating that we continue to offer a high-quality provision and to be highly trusted organisation. We have continued to generate a good level of our own income through fundraising events and activities.

Our total income for the year was £235,029 (2024 - £274,679). Our main source of funding are grants. This year we received £225,697 (2024 - £248,028). Our main grant provider is Swansea University.

Our running costs have increased this year by an overall £11,544.

By the end of the year, we had reported a surplus of £5,558, compared to a surplus of £56,752 last year.

At 31st July 2025, we had total net assets of £208,211 (2024 - £202,653) and £232,102 held as cash in the bank and in hand. Our restricted funds were £11,397 (2024 - £19,057).

Reserves policy

The reserves policy reflects the challenges in securing unrestricted funds and the increasingly complex and competitive funding environments for small charities. We are aiming to hold one year's running costs, approximately £153,944, as advised by the Charity Commission and a further designated reserve of £50,000 to cover redundancy costs, reflecting our very low staff turnover.

At the end of the financial year ended 31 July 2025 unrestricted funds were £196,814, representing that reserves were below the target level by £7,130. The trustees are aware of this and will continue to monitor reserves to ensure they remain at an appropriate level.

Activity snapshot 2024–2025

Active volunteers	**607**
Volunteer hours	**16,929**
Volunteering opportunities	**141**
Induction sessions	**28**
Training sessions	**31**
Our own projects	**13**
One-off volunteering activities	**41**
External partner projects	**38**

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Volunteer perspectives

‘’Volunteering has always been a huge part of my life, even before I moved to the UK. There’s something deeply fulfilling about shifting focus from one’s own challenges to the needs of others, a reminder of our shared humanity.

When I arrived in Swansea as a student over a year ago, I knew I wanted to continue giving back. Just two months later, I joined Discovery, drawn by their incredible work supporting vulnerable communities and their commitment to equipping volunteers with the right skills. Among their initiatives, the Swansea Asylum Seekers Support (SASS) group resonated with me most. Every Saturday, I volunteer at their drop-in sessions, managing the front desk alongside fellow volunteers, and sometimes asylum seekers themselves. My role is simple but meaningful: offering a warm welcome, a listening ear, and a smile to everyone who walks through the door. Through these interactions, I’ve met remarkable people, children and adults alike, from diverse cultures and backgrounds. Each conversation has deepened my empathy and broadened my perspective in ways I never anticipated.

Another project close to my heart is the Penpal Initiative, where I exchange letters with elderly members of the community. Before moving here, I hadn’t fully grasped the scale of loneliness among older adults, many of whom have no one to talk to. Writing to someone I may never meet, learning about their lives, and reminding them they’re not forgotten has been an unexpectedly rewarding experience. A simple letter can bridge isolation, and I’m grateful to play a small part in that.

Volunteering hasn’t just shaped my time in Swansea, it has transformed me. The patience, kindness, and gratitude I’ve cultivated through these experiences have strengthened my relationships and broadened my worldview. Some of the people I’ve met have become lifelong friends. As I prepare to graduate this July, I can confidently say that Discovery Swansea provided me with more than just volunteer opportunities; it gave me a community, purpose, and the chance to grow into the best version of myself. For that, I’ll always be grateful.’’
BSc Law

‘’Volunteering with Discovery has shaped me both personally and professionally. I’ve learned that leadership isn’t always about being the most visible, but about supporting others, creating structure, and fostering a positive environment. I'm grateful for the skills I’ve developed and the friendships I’ve made, and I’m proud to have contributed to a project that made a meaningful difference.’’
BSc Psychology

‘’Volunteering with Discovery has been life-changing—helping me grow as a person while making a real difference in the community. Through creative projects and supporting adults with disabilities, I’ve developed empathy, adaptability, and a deep commitment to inclusion. These experiences will stay with me wherever life takes me.’’
BSc Sports and Science

‘’My experience at Discovery has been like no other. I started volunteering because I wanted more purpose in my life, but I never would have thought that it would turn into what it has. I would have never thought that I would have taken a lead role, made new friends and had gained so many transferable skills.’’
BSc Law

‘’The impact that my volunteering at Discovery has had on my life is immeasurable, during my year in industry placement, I found myself constantly referring to skills and experiences gained during my time volunteering. Furthermore, the competitive advantage that volunteering gave me in my time looking for a placement was huge, every interview I went to the first question was always about “that volunteering thing you do”. I know I’ll miss the chaos and kindness of Discovery once I graduate. Looking back on my time with Discovery, I realise that it has transformed me into who I am today, and my university experience would not be the same without it.’’
BEng Aerospace Engineering

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Our Year in Pictures















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Our Projects 2024 to 2025

Each of our projects is led by one or two project co-ordinators. These are exceptional student volunteers who are prepared to take on a leadership role, supporting and organising their own teams of volunteers and liaising directly with our community contacts. Without these brilliant, dedicated volunteers we would not be able to offer such a remarkable range of volunteering opportunities to students and to the community around us. We are so grateful for everything they do.

Active18
Provides both virtual and in-person group activities for adults with additional needs. Volunteers work as a team to plan and deliver a programme of activities each week, as well as attending sessions and supporting participants to engage. Activities are themed around the NHS 5 ways to wellbeing.
Supported by Regional Integrated Fund, West Glamorgan Regional Partnership, Shared Prosperity Fund and the Hedley Foundation

Age Exchange
Pairs students and residents together in weekly care home visits. Volunteers may walk around the grounds, visit the cafe or hang out in the lounge playing games or doing crafts with the residents.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation and Shared Prosperity Fund

Buddied Reading
Pairs students and children together in weekly reading sessions at two local schools.
Supported by Auston Bailey Foundation and Shared Prosperity Fund

Building Blocks
Uses the LEGO Therapy Model to run a programme of weekly sessions for children who may be struggling with social skills or friendship making.
Supported by National Lottery and Shared Prosperity Fund

Connect Groups
Events to raise awareness of mental health and looking after your wellbeing. Volunteers plan and deliver weekly wellbeing group sessions, virtually and/or in person, for other students.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Clwb Cymraeg
Welsh language practice, social chat and learning in partnership with the University and the Student Union.

Digital Media Project
Volunteers helping Discovery to have impactful and meaningful Digital Media.

Pen pal Project
Pairs students with community members young and old to exchange letters and cards.
Supported by Austn Bailey Foundation

STAR Project
Supporting the Student Union's STAR society buy connecting volunteer support for SASS and Unity in Diversity, local drop ins and English classes for refugee and asylum seekers in Swansea.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

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Our Projects 2024 to 2025, continued

The Vetch
Supports local community members in maintaining their allotment plots and community garden.

Supported Volunteering Scheme
The Supported Volunteering Scheme gives volunteers the opportunity to work one to one with a disabled adult to support them to volunteer. Paired volunteers work on tasks in the Discovery office, on projects and in other University departments.
Supported by WCVA Main Volunteering Grant, Shared Prosperity Fun, Hedley Foundation and Postcode Trust Lottery

School Daze
Classroom support for local schools.
Supported by the Austin Bailey Foundation

Ambassadors
Promotes volunteering in a range of different ways, including talks, stalls and presentation, creating digital media and supporting the staff team with volunteer interviews.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Training programme
As well as 28 induction training sessions for all new volunteers, we have offered a vibrant mix of training sessions aimed at helping our volunteers build their skills, values and understanding of a wide range of issues that impact on their volunteering roles.

Learning Disability Awareness Asylum In The UK Public Speaking Disability Awareness Supported Volunteering Scheme Sight Loss Awareness Safeguarding - Face to face session / Diogelu - Sesiwn wyneb yn wyneb County Lines Awareness Safeguarding - Zoom / Diogelu - Zoom Supported Volunteering Scheme - Zoom Look After Your Mate - Face-to-Face Autism Acceptance 'How to talk about your volunteering' workshop HEAR Award drop in session LEGO Skills Training / Hyfforddiant Sgiliau LEGO Basic First Aid / Cymorth Cyntaf sylfaenol Working with older people training with Age Exchange / Gweithio gyda phobl hyn gydag Age Exchange	Volunteering at University Webinar | Gweminar Gwirfoddoli Dealing with Difficult Conversations in Volunteering 'Look After Your Mate' training / Hyfforddiant 'Gofalu Am Eich Ffrind' Personal and Professional Boundaries in Volunteering Working With 'Challenging Behaviour' Developing Confidence & Leadership Skills through Volunteering Welsh For Volunteering/Cymraeg Ar Gyfer Gwirfoddoli 'Meet the Project Coordinators' Session / Sesiwn 'Cwrdd Ã¢'r Cydlynwyr Prosiect' Leadership opportunities in discovery webinar

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Our Projects 2024 to 2025, continued

One off volunteering
Supported by Shared Prosperity Fund and the Austin Bailey Foundation

Our one-off volunteering programme has once again been very popular and successful. It allows for volunteering where students can drop in as they please, some choosing it as a very low commitment volunteering with maximum flexibility and others using it to diversify and vary their volunteering experience. These sessions have also allowed us to work with a wider range of community groups and charities. One off volunteering has also helped us expand and explore options for more Welsh language volunteering.

GIATW – Give it a go week. A week of drop in opportunities early in semester one
SVW – Student volunteer week, a week of drop in activities in Semester2, linked to the national SVW campaign.

- Drop in craft session | Sesiwn crefft galw heibio
- Sesiwn Crefft Diwrnod Shwmae / Shwmae Day Craft Session
- GIAGW - Penpal Letter Writing | Ysgrifennu Llythyr Penpal
- GIAGW - The Vetch
- GIAGW â€“ Neurodiversity Art Cafe | Caffi Celf Niwroamrywiaeth
- GIAGW - Not-so-spooky Halloween crafts with Connect | â€˜Dim mor spwciâ€™ crefft calan gaeaf gyda Connect
- GIAGW - Sessiwn Crefft Cymraeg | Welsh Craft Session
- GIAGW â€“ DigiMedia Photo Walk | Taith Cerdded DigiMedia
- GIAGW - Homework Buddy Making | Ffrindiau Gwaith Cartref
- GIAGW - Active 18 Halloween Party | Active 18 Parti Calan Gaeaf
- Beach Clean
- Kindness Rocks!! | Creigiau caredig!!
- Holiday Card Making | Gwneud cardiau Nadolig
- Memorial Garden Rock Painting | Peintio Creigiau'r Ardd Goffa
- Wenglish Craft Session | Sesiwn Grefft Wenglish
- SVW: Valentines Day Sing-a-long at the Care Home
- Wenglish PenPal Letter Writing | Ysgrifennu Llythyr Penpal Wenglish
- Digital Media Workshop for International Day of Happiness and University Mental Health Day
- Welsh Folklore Collaborative Sculpture | Cerflun Cydweithredol LlÃªn Gwerin Cymraeg
- Singleton Park Litterpick
- Singing at the Care Home with Age Exchange
- The Big Knit
- AGM & Kindness card making
- Freshers Pack and Kindness Cards Making at the Global Lounge Launch
- Book Swap Volunteers | Gwirfoddolwr Cyfnewid Llyfrau
- Digital Media Session for Mental Health Awareness Week Â¦ Sesiwn Cyfryngau Digidol ar gyfer Wythnos Ymwybyddiaeth Iechyd Meddwl
- Destress Crafts | Crefftiau Ymlaciedig
- The Big Knit
- Grwp ffocws gwirfoddoli Cymraeg | Welsh volunteering focus group
- Digital Media Session for National Volunteersâ€™ Week / Sesiwn Cyfryngau Digidol ar gyfer Wythnos Genedlaethol y Gwirfoddolwyr
- Singleton Park Litter Pick

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• St Dwynwenâ€™s Day Love Spoon Making | Dydd Santes Dwynwen Gwneud Llwyau Caru • The Big Knit | Y Cywydd Mawr • Art CafÃ© Drop-In | Art CafÃ© Galw Heibio • SVW: Digital Media Workshop • SVW: The Vetch	• SVW: Welsh Music with Clwb Cymraeg | Dydd Miwsig Cymru gyda Clwb Cymraeg • SVW: PenPals Letter Writing • SVW: RSPCA Llys nini • SVW: Social Action Group • SVW: Reverse Scavenger Hunt for Valentine's Day

What our student volunteers say about one off volunteering:

One-Off	Feedback
The Vetch	*It was a great opportunity to meet new people who were so nice and helpful. I learned more about gardening and contributed a little to the environment.*
Homework Buddy Making	*The event was a great way to start my volunteering journey, chat to people who are already involved in different projects and new people in general. On top of that, it was also a lot of fun and the perfect uni 'break':)*
Kindness Rocks	*It was a cute bonding experience, I felt like a kid exploring her creative side, it was fun and it radiated kindness*
Love Spoon Making for St Dwynwen's Day	*The session was wonderful. I got to partake in an authentic Welsh custom and had a lovely time while doing it. The activity itself was stress relieving and soothing. Would recommend to all.*
RSCPA Llys Nini	*This is perhaps one of the best Discovery one-offs I've had the luck to experience. Other volunteers and I got hands-on as we helped out with some work at the farm today. The staff member who'd joined us, talked us through how the charity functioned and what it took to care and provide for all their furry inhabitants. It was eye-opening to learn about the not-so-cute side of animal care. If I could recommend one session that ticked all the boxes, it would be this. Volunteering, working in teams, meeting new people, making new friends, physical movement, being in nature, learning about the third sector, and understanding the nuances of owning a pet and being a responsible pet owner. The session has inspired me to always carry around some bird feed too! Because you never know when a cheeky little robin would care to stick around.*
The Big Knit	*This was such a fun and calming activity. It gave me a chance to revisit an old hobby, and knowing that it will benefit a charity makes it all the more wholesome.*

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Partner projects
Our improved processes for connecting with and supporting external organisation have resulted in 38 different organisations being able to promote their volunteering opportunities to students.

Adenydd	Popham Kidney support
Adult Learning Wales	Rengage
Age Cymru	Snap Cymru
Bowel Cancer UK	South Wales Police
British Red Cross	Surfability
Chinese in Wales Association	Sustainabiltiy- Swansea universtiy
Circus Eruption	Swansea Asylum Seeker Support
City and County of Swansea	Swansea Community Farm
Crisis	Swansea Women's Aid Volunteer
Cwtch Mawr	Swansea Libraries
DeafBlind UK	Tenovus
English language teaching Service	The Bloom Project
FAN (Friends and Neighbours)	The Environment Centre
Gig Buddies Cymru	The Go Team
Hope Walk	Ty Tawe
Llamau	UNESCO learning festival
Marie Curie	Welfare at Campus life
Menter Iaith Abertawe	West Wales Rivers Trust
Mullany Foundation	
NSPCC	

Funders

We are incredibly grateful to all our funders for continuing to support us:

- Swansea University
- WCVA
- Welsh Government
- The Austin Bailey Foundation
- Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme, Regional Integration fund
- Swansea University payroll giving
- Swansea Employability Academy (SEA)
- National Lottery Awards for All
- Post Code Trust Lottery
- The Shared Prosperity Fund
- The Hedley Foundation
- Individual supporters

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Future Developments

We intend to continue to build on this very successful year; we are so proud of all our volunteers, project co-ordinators, trustees and staff team. Every single person has worked so hard to ensure that we can provide meaningful support to the community around us and life changing opportunities to student volunteers. After a period of significant change, we are looking forward to consolidating on our strengths and ensuring that our offering is robust and purposeful.

Being able to now retain our student volunteers for a more equitable terms of 3 years will enable to us strengthen our governance and board functions. Having achieved our IIV we know that we will continue to offer the highest standard of volunteer opportunities.

2026 represents our 60th anniversary so next year we will begin planning for this important milestone.

We aim to make volunteering rewarding and create volunteering opportunities that improve wellbeing as well as making a significant difference to the community around us. We will continue consulting with our volunteers and the people we support to make sure that we are doing this in the best way we can.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
256146

Principal address
Fulton House
Swansea University
Singleton Park
Swansea
SA2 8PP

Student Trustees

President
Charlotte Cooke (From April 2024)

Treasurer
Mamta Behera

Secretary
Natalie Jarvis (To April 2024)
Georgia Rees (From April 2024)
Naman Kumar (From April 2024)

Non Portfolio
Felicity McKee
Georgia Rees
Charlotte Cooke
Emm Thomas

From April 2024 (non portfolio)
Olugbenga Fayehun
Mamta Behra
Natalie Jarvis
Omon Aiwejhoe
Malgozata Ragosko

Non-Student Trustees
Chair
Sian Impey (to June 2025)
Alison Walker (from June 2025)

Vice Chair
Alison Walker

Treasurer
Mike Buckle

Non Portfolio
Louise Rees

Community Trustee
Vacant April 2024 to June 2025
Julia Manser (from June 2025)
Amy Meredith-Davies (from June 2025)

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Independent examiner

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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the statements on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity
- will continue in operation;
- State whether the financial reporting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures
- disclosed unexplained in the accounts, and
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

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Insofar as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant accounting information of which the charity's Accountants and Independent Examiners are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the independent examiners are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on May 14, 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Jo Parfitt - Trustee

Miss Joanne Frances Parfitt

Charlotte Cooke – Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Discovery SVS ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts 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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: R Doyle Dated: May 14, 2026

Rachel Doyle ACA DChA

MHA, Chartered Accountants, MHA House, Charter Court, Swansea Enterprise Park, Swansea, SA7 9FS

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**68,983**	**158,816**	**227,799**	*253,142*
Charitable activities	4	**-**	**196**	**196**	*136*
Other trading activities	5	**-**	**7,034**	**7,034**	*21,401*
Total income		**68,983**	**166,046**	**235,029**	*274,679*
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		**75,527**	**153,944**	**229,471**	*217,927*
Total expenditure		**75,527**	**153,944**	**229,471**	*217,927*
Net (expenditure)/income		**(6,544)**	**12,102**	**5,558**	*56,752*
Transfers between funds	14	**(1,116)**	**1,116**	**-**	*-*
Net movement in funds		**(7,660)**	**13,218**	**5,558**	*56,752*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**19,057**	**183,596**	**202,653**	*145,901*
Net movement in funds		**(7,660)**	**13,218**	**5,558**	*56,752*
Total funds carried forward		**11,397**	**196,814**	**208,211**	*202,653*

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

The notes on pages 20 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2025

	Note		2025 £		*2024 £*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		**1,383**		*1,951*
			1,383		*1,951*
Current assets					
Debtors	12	**8,956**		*15,310*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**232,102**		*238,778*	
		241,058		*254,088*	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	**(34,230)**		*(53,386)*	
Net current assets			**206,828**		*200,702*
Total assets less current liabilities			**208,211**		*202,653*
Net assets excluding pension asset			**208,211**		*202,653*
Total net assets			**208,211**		*202,653*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	14		**11,397**		*19,057*
Unrestricted funds	14		**196,814**		*183,596*
Total funds			**208,211**		*202,653*

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jo Parfitt
(Trustee) Miss Joanne Frances Parfitt

Charlotte Cooke
(Trustee)

Date: May 14, 2026

The notes on pages 20 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

1. General information

Discovery Student Volunteering Swansea is an unincorporated trust, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The registered number is 256146 and principal address is:

Fulton House
Swansea University
Singleton Park
Swansea
SA2 8PP

The functional and presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£) and balances are rounded to the nearest £1.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Discovery SVS 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.

2.2 Going concern

A significant proportion of the charity's income is by way of grant funding. The charity is reliant upon the continuing support of its grant funders. The trustees have responded to this risk by ensuring that cash reserves are maintained in order to cover a sufficient period so that the charity can meet ongoing running costs and any staff redundancy costs.

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and accordingly adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income from tax reclaims are recognised in the same period as the gift or donation to which they relate.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset’s use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Allocation of support and governance costs

Governance costs comprise of all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees together with support costs. Due to the nature of the operations of the charity it was not considered appropriate to allocate expenditure on activities.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	-	20%
Computer equipment	-	20%

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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.

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of expenditure for which it was incurred.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.12 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.13 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	120	1,982	**2,102**
Grants	68,863	156,834	**225,697**
	68,983	158,816	**227,799**

	Restricted funds 2024 £	*Unrestricted funds 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Donations	*100*	*5,014*	*5,114*
Grants	*98,200*	*149,828*	*248,028*
	98,300	*154,842*	*253,142*

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Income from charitable activities	196	**196**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Income from charitable activities	*136*	*136*

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Other trading activities	255	**255**
Interest income	6,779	**6,779**
	7,034	**7,034**

	Restricted funds 2024 £	*Unrestricted funds 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Other trading activities	*360*	*13,512*	*13,872*
Interest income	-	*7,529*	*7,529*
	360	*21,041*	*21,401*

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Charitable activities	219,118	10,353	**229,471**

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	*Support costs 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Charitable activities	*210,073*	*7,854*	*217,927*

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Staff costs	**188,947**	*178,918*
Activities	**1,309**	*1,977*
Travel and subsistence	**5,134**	*2,164*
Dues and subscriptions	**5,964**	*4,998*
Staff training	**4,770**	*2,090*
Resources	**331**	*728*
Refreshments	**1,352**	*909*
Telephone	**213**	*135*
Depreciation	**568**	*568*
Other costs	**8,976**	*17,586*
Advertising	**1,554**	-
	219,118	*210,073*

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Insurance	**3,708**	*2,647*
Bank charges	**96**	*84*
Governance costs	**6,549**	*5,123*
	10,353	*7,854*

7. Governance costs

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Independent examination	**3,900**	*3,102*
Payroll & training fees	**1,950**	*1,562*
Legal fees	**699**	*459*

8. Staff costs

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Wages and salaries	**180,919**	*171,428*
Pension scheme contributions	**8,028**	*7,490*
	188,947	*178,918*

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	*2024 No.*
.	**10**	*8*

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8. Staff costs (continued)

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Key management personnel are considered to be those personnel who are not trustees but sit within key operational and strategic roles. The total costs of the key management personnel were £43,406 (2024 - £41,599).

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits *(2024 - £NIL)*.

During the year ended 31 July 2025, expenses totalling £78 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee *(2024 - £372* paid to 3 Trustees). Reimbursed expenses related to general volunteer and office costs.

10. Volunteers

The value of volunteers' time given within the year is estimated with reference to the recorded number of volunteer hours multiplied by the estimated hourly rate that an employee would have been paid for carrying out the service. The quantified benefit to the charity for volunteers' time was £215,845 (2024: £266,709), given that 607 student volunteers contributed 16,929 (2024: 20,400) hours of support. This amount has not been recognised in the accounts.

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 August 2024	**1,573**	**1,266**	**2,839**
At 31 July 2025	**1,573**	**1,266**	**2,839**
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2024	**551**	**337**	**888**
Charge for the year	**315**	**253**	**568**
At 31 July 2025	**866**	**590**	**1,456**
Net book value			
At 31 July 2025	**707**	**676**	**1,383**
At 31 July 2024	*1,022*	*929*	*1,951*

12. Debtors

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	**4,708**	*7,399*
Other debtors	**418**	*1,295*
Prepayments and accrued income	**3,575**	*6,616*
Gift aid recoverable	**255**	-
	8,956	*15,310*

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13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	*2024* *£*
Trade creditors	**3,751**	*2,809*
Pension fund loan payable	**158**	*1,008*
Accruals and deferred income	**30,321**	*49,569*
	34,230	*53,386*

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 August 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 July 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	**183,596**	**166,046**	**(153,944)**	**1,116**	**196,814**
Restricted funds					
Austin Bailey Foundation	**110**	**2,917**	**(2,974)**	**-**	**53**
Swansea Youth Bank	**307**	**-**	**-**	**(307)**	**-**
Swansea Siavonga Partnership	**1,135**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,135**
Volunteering In Wales	**6,242**	**18,619**	**(20,753)**	**-**	**4,108**
Supported Volunteers	**5,131**	**120**	**(1,041)**	**-**	**4,210**
ICF C4B	**1,821**	**10,174**	**(10,174)**	**-**	**1,821**
SEA WOW	**2,934**	**7,686**	**(10,620)**	**-**	**-**
Transformation Fund	**831**	**-**	**-**	**(831)**	**-**
Postcode Fund	**-**	**11,250**	**(11,250)**	**-**	**-**
Toyota Community Fund	**376**	**-**	**-**	**(376)**	**-**
Shared Prosperity Fund	**-**	**11,644**	**(11,644)**	**-**	**-**
Awards For All	**-**	**5,573**	**(5,573)**	**-**	**-**
Non Project Specific	**170**	**-**	**(568)**	**398**	**-**
Hedley	**-**	**1,000**	**(930)**	**-**	**70**
	19,057	**68,983**	**(75,527)**	**(1,116)**	**11,397**
Total of funds	**202,653**	**235,029**	**(229,471)**	**-**	**208,211**

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Balance at 31 July 2024* £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	*123,155*	*176,119*	*(115,678)*	*183,596*
Restricted funds				
Austin Bailey Foundation	*2,741*	*2,750*	*(5,381)*	*110*
BBC Children In Need	*3,695*	*-*	*(3,695)*	*-*
Swansea Youth Bank	*307*	*-*	*-*	*307*
Swansea Siavonga Partnership	*1,635*	*-*	*(500)*	*1,135*
Volunteering In Wales	*6,800*	*24,204*	*(24,762)*	*6,242*
Supported Volunteers	*5,226*	*360*	*(455)*	*5,131*
ICF C4B	*221*	*10,924*	*(9,324)*	*1,821*
SEA WOW	*361*	*7,151*	*(4,578)*	*2,934*
Transformation Fund	*831*	*-*	*-*	*831*
Postcode Fund	*-*	*14,323*	*(14,323)*	*-*
Toyota Community Fund	*191*	*2,000*	*(1,815)*	*376*
Shared Prosperity Fund	*-*	*36,848*	*(36,848)*	*-*
Non Project Specific	*738*	*-*	*(568)*	*170*
	22,746	*98,560*	*(102,249)*	*19,057*
Total of funds	*145,901*	*274,679*	*(217,927)*	*202,653*

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Each of our projects is led by one or two project co-ordinators. These are exceptional student volunteers who are prepared to take on a leadership role, supporting and organising their own teams of volunteers and liaising directly with our community contacts. Without these brilliant, dedicated volunteers we would not be able to offer such a remarkable range of volunteering opportunities to students and to the community around us. We are so grateful for everything they do.

Swansea University and the Shared Prosperity Fund support all of our project.

Active18
Provides group activities for adults with additional needs. Volunteers work as a team to plan and deliver a programme of activities each week, as well as attending sessions and supporting participants to engage. Activities are themed around the NHS 5 ways to wellbeing.
Supported by Regional Integrated Fund, West Glamorgan Regional Partnership (ICF C4B)

Age Exchange
Pairs students and residents together in weekly care home visits. Volunteers may walk around the grounds or hang out in the lounge playing games or doing crafts with the residents.
Supported by the Transformation Fund and Austin Bailey Foundation

Buddied Reading
Pairs students and children together in weekly reading sessions at two local schools.
Supported by Auston Bailey Foundation

Building Blocks
Uses the LEGO Therapy Model to run a programme of weekly sessions for children who may be struggling with social skills or friendship making.
Supported by Children in Need and Austen Bailey Foundation

Connect Groups
Events to raise awareness of mental health and looking after your wellbeing. Volunteers plan and deliver weekly wellbeing group sessions, virtually and/or in person, for other students.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Clwb Cymraeg
A regular Welsh Language Club run in partnership with the Student Union and Campus life.
Volunteers help to plan and deliver activities.
Supported by the Austen Bailey Foundation

Penpal Project
Pairs students with community members young and old to exchange letters and cards.
Supported by Children in Need and Austin bailey Foundation

STAR Project
providing volunteer support for Unity in Diversity, a local drop in and English classes for refugee and asylum seekers in Swansea.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

The Vetch
Supports local community members in maintaining their allotment plots and community garden.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation and Toyota Community Fund

School Daze
Class room support in local schools.

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Supported Volunteering Scheme and Social Action Groups
The Supported Volunteering Scheme gives volunteers the opportunity to work one to one with a disabled adult to support them to volunteer. Paired volunteers work on tasks in the Discovery office. Small groups work on well being, activism and awareness raising.
Supported by WCVA Main Volunteering Grant, Swansea Youth Bank and Postcode Trust Lottery

Swansea Women's Empowerment Society (SWES)
Activities offering a safe space for students who are a woman, trans or non-binary and have experienced sexual assault/ harassment.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Ambassadors
Promote volunteering in a range of different ways. Including talks, stalls and presentation, Creating digital media and supporting the staff team with volunteer interviews.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

One off volunteering
A diverse and exciting programme of volunteering including creating resources for other charities, environmental projects and litter picks.
Supported by Toyota Community Fund

Swansea Siavonga Partnership
We are unable to visit Siavonga as we have in the past but this year we were able to support the building of an extra room that would provide stable housing for one of the children who benefited form our scholarship scheme.

Swansea Employability Academy (SEA WOW)
We have worked in partnership with SEA to host student interns. Funded by SEA these student staff members have made a huge contribution to the work of Discovery and expanded our capacity at key times.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,383	-	**1,383**
Current assets	33,182	207,876	**241,058**
Creditors due within one year	(23,168)	(11,062)	**(34,230)**
Total	11,397	196,814	**208,211**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 FOR

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The MBE for volunteer groups

Swansea University
Prifysgol Abertawe

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Discovery Student Volunteering Swansea
Report of the Trustees
For the year ending 31st July 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

Trustees	Omon Aiwekhoe Olugbenga Fayehun Malgozata Ragosko Naman Kumar Levis Varghese Mamta Behera Enma Thomas Charlotte Cooke Dr Alison Walker Georgia Rees Natalie Jarvis Louise Rees Felicity McKee Sian Impey Dr Mike Buckle
Charity registered number	256146
Principal office	Fulton House Swansea University Swansea SA2 8PP
Accountants	MHA MHA House Charter Court Phoenix Way Swansea Enterprise Park Swansea SA7 9FS
Bankers	Lloyds Oxford Street Swansea SA1 3AP Santander 1 Union Street Swansea SA1 3EE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Eleanor Norton

The year 2023 to 2024 has been a busy and productive one for us. Our incredible volunteers have contributed over 20,400 hours of service, a true testament to the hard work and dedication of both our staff team and project coordinators (lead student volunteers), who have gone above and beyond to ensure that safe, meaningful, and reliable volunteering opportunities are available to every student who wants to get involved.

We've strengthened and expanded our relationships both within the University and with the wider community. As always, we've been reevaluating our offerings to ensure they remain the best fit and most impactful for both our volunteers and the communities we serve. Our Trustees have provided invaluable support and leadership, particularly in fostering our connections with the University and external partners. Our ambassadors have also played a key role in helping us reach and engage with even more students.

This year, our volunteering platform has become an established and vital tool. Not only has it made our processes work better for our staff and volunteers, it has enabled us to work more efficiently with external charities, offering them a dedicated space to connect with potential student volunteers directly. 32 external charities have used it to promote their opportunities to our student volunteers this year.

In total, 547 active volunteers contributed over 20,400 hours across all opportunities. We offered 27 induction training sessions, 35 other training sessions, 47 one-off volunteering sessions, 11 of our own regular projects, and 32 external partner projects.

The renewal of our Investors in Volunteering Award had illustrated that we are offering the very highest standards of volunteering and adhering to or exceeding best practice in our offer.

I am incredibly proud of our small team. With just 6 core staff members, supported by 4 short term, part time student interns throughout the year, we've created a space where every volunteer—whether they take on a leadership role as a trustee, project coordinator, or ambassador, or simply attend a one-off opportunity—can thrive, connect with others, and feel empowered, knowing they're making a difference to the community and to their own futures.

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MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT PRESIDENT

Felicity Mckee

As we reflect on the past year, we are incredibly proud of the impact our student volunteers have made. In 2023–24, 547 students contributed an outstanding 20,400 hours of support to the community, with an estimated financial value of £266,709. Their dedication continues to be at the heart of everything we do, making a real difference while also developing valuable skills for the future.

Looking ahead, 2025–26 will mark our 60th anniversary, a significant milestone for our charity. We are excited about the many planned events and activities that will celebrate this achievement provide an opportunity to honour and celebrate the incredible contributions of our volunteers, past and present.

The funding environment remains challenging for small charities like ours. To ensure the sustainability of our work, we are committed to diversifying our fundraising efforts. This will include encouraging our supporters to contribute directly through initiatives like Lotto Abertawe, fundraising events, and other new opportunities.
Despite these challenges, Discovery remains committed to offering a strong and varied student volunteering opportunities and training such as Look After Your Mate, Active 18 and Clwb Cymraeg. Discovery is committed to working closely with the wider Swansea third sector, ensuring that students can engage in meaningful opportunities that both support community needs and enhance their personal development.

Finally, over the past year, the board of trustees have taken steps to strengthen our governance. Following our EGM in November 2023, we extended the term of our student trustees to three years. The hope is that this change will provide greater continuity and allow us to further develop our trustee board and governance function so that Discovery can enjoy another sixty years offering volunteering opportunities and serving the local community.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, from our students, partners, funders, and community members, none of this is possible without you. The board of trustees is looking forward to another year of making a difference together with all of those who have supported us and celebrating a landmark sixty years of Discovery Student Volunteering Service in Swansea.

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Discovery Student Volunteering Swansea
Report of the Trustees
For the year ending 31st July 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

Who we are

Discovery is a registered charity that has been established since 1966. This year, 547 student volunteers logged 20,400 hours of support to the community; we estimate the financial value of this support at £266,709 but recognise that the impacts, connections and relationships far exceed this value. We also recognise that the huge range of skills and experiences gained by our student volunteers are of huge value and will stand them in excellent stead in their future lives as well as greatly enhancing their student experience. Our organisation envisages a community where people are treated like equals and are not discriminated against or disadvantaged by society. Discovery focuses on providing the best possible service to the people who we work with in Swansea, by providing skilled, trained, and enthusiastic volunteers.

Discovery aims to:

- Enrich the lives of the people in Swansea in order to fulfil their potential as empowered individuals and as members of groups and communities.
- Offer new experiences and opportunities through a broad range of student-led activities in the community, leading to increased mutual understanding and equality.
- Actively support students to be aware of their personal development and the impact upon themselves and the lives of others through their involvement in the community-based activities.

Every year Discovery offers a range of volunteering projects, these are a mix of our own projects, run entirely by our students with support from our staff and partner projects where we link with external charities and other parts of the university to support their activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Discovery is a registered charity and is governed by a constitution adopted on the 13th June 1969, amended on the 6th December 1979, 4th May, 15th June 1993, 16th February 1998, 15th February 2001, 8th June 2005, February 2007, March 2011, March 2015, December 2019 and June 2024. The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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Objectives and aims

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in the City and County of Swansea and surrounding areas, in particular the advancement of education, the furtherance of health and the relief of poverty, distress, and sickness.

Within the limitation of the above, to promote the following main areas:

- To encourage co-operation between voluntary groups, the statutory authorities, and individuals in the of the community.
- To foster the ideal of voluntary/community service particularly amongst young people, by providing guidance and opportunities for personal development; learning and developing skills as well as participation in wide aspects of voluntary/community in wide aspects of voluntary/community involvement.
- To focus the attention of individuals connected with, as well as the institution of Swansea University and the community at large, onto social problems, with a view to creating a sense of individual responsibility and personal participation in remedying those problems.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees, made up of Student Trustees and Non-Student Trustees, appoints the staff of the organisation and oversees the operation of the organisation.

Discovery's staff members for the year ended 31st July 2024 were as follows:

Director: Eleanor Norton
Supported Volunteering Scheme Project Manager: Kirsty Rowles
Volunteering Projects Manager: Vixie Barker-Williams
Volunteer Recruitment Marketing Manager: Sian Davies
Project Worker: Maria Oliveira
Finance Officer: Joseph Borland

Part time, short term interns

Jo Peacock
Rhiannon Hazell
Elizabeth Wilde
Lois Owumi

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Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

- Non-Student Trustees shall be elected at the AGM for a three-year period, in accordance with the procedure for the AGM. They may stand for re-election.
- Student Trustees are elected each year at the AGM by members of the organisation, in accordance with the procedure for the AGM, they may also stand for re-election.
- At our EGM in November 2023, our membership voted to extend student volunteers term to 3 years and allow them to stay in post once they graduate.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Trustees are invited to a weekend of training. This training includes roles and responsibilities, team building, sub groups work and strategic planning sessions. On-going support is offered through regular meetings. Trustee training opportunities provided by Swansea Council for Voluntary Service and Wales Council for Voluntary Action are routinely offered to our trustees.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty in relation to section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Risk Management

The Trustees have carried out a review of the major risks to the organisation and believe that the level of reserves policy is sufficient to cover adverse conditions that the organisation may face. The organisation has in place financial, personnel, and health and safety controls to limit the likelihood and impact of risks. All events and activities are risk assessed prior to commencement. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are carried out on all appropriate staff and volunteer roles. The Board of Trustees actively monitor the financial position.

Our fundraising promise

Discovery is a member of the Fundraising Standards Board self-regulatory scheme. The Fundraising Standards Board works to ensure that organisations raising money from the public do so honestly and properly. As a member of the scheme, we follow the Institute and Fundraiser's Codes of Fundraising Practice, and comply with the key principles embodied in the Codes and in the Promise. Further details can be found at www.frsb.org.uk.

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Our achievements and Our funders

We are very proud of another highly impactful year and we are incredibly grateful to all of our funders. All of our projects are supported by our core grant from **Swansea University** and our own fundraising activities. We have been extremely fortunate to have been awarded funding by other grant making organisations. As our most significant funder, **Swansea University** supports all of our projects and everything we do
.
Austin Bailey Foundation supports all of our projects by provide travel and other essential expenses for our student volunteers across all of our projects.

BBC Children in Need supports Building Blocks Lego Project.

Swansea Youth Bank and Toyota Community Fund supports our one off programme of volunteering.

West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Regional integration Fund (formerly ICF C4B) and **Volunteering In Wales (WCVA)** supports Supported Volunteering.

Postcode Community Trust and **Shared Prosperity Fund** support all of our volunteering projects.

Our individual funders help us to sustain the whole organisation, filling gaps in funding and enabling us to new exciting things as well as maintaining the important regular work that we do.

Financial Review

This has been another successful year for Discovery; we have received grants from new funders as well as maintaining relationships with long term funders, demonstrating that we continue to offer a high quality provision and to be highly trusted organisation. We have continued to generate a good level of our own income through fundraising events and activities.

Our total income has increased to £274,679 (2023 - £203,539). Our main source of funding are grants, which were higher than last year, at £248,028 (2023 - £189,223). Our main grant provider is Swansea University, but we also receive significant support from Volunteering in Wales.

Our running costs have increased this year by an overall £13,626.

By the end of the year, we had reported a surplus of £56,752, compared to a deficit of £762 last year.

At 31st July 2024, we had total net assets of £202,653 (2023 - £145,901) and £238,778 held as cash in the bank and in hand. Our restricted funds were £19,057 (2023 - £22,746).

Reserves policy

Our reserves policy reflects the challenges in securing unrestricted funds and the increasingly complex and competitive funding environments for small charities. We are aiming to hold one year’s running costs, approximately £115,678, as advised by the Charity Commission and a further designated reserve of £50,000 to cover redundancy costs, reflecting our very low staff turnover. Our current unrestricted reserve level is £183,596, therefore in excess of the target by £17,918.

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PROJECTS

1st August 2023 – 31st July 2024



Active 18

Active 18 provides both virtual and in-person group activities for adults with additional needs. Active18 ran 17 activities including quizzes, games, puzzles, crafts, painting, wreath making, singing and dancing, jewellery making and clubbing, supporting 15 adults.

"The welcoming and friendly atmosphere from everyone was wonderful to see and receive no matter how many times you volunteer with Active18, everyone is as kind and supportive as ever. I liked the variety in tasks and that both service users and volunteers were able to mix between activities or stay at one if they wished and I really appreciated how everyone checked in on and supported one another."– Volunteer

"One of my favourite Active18 memories was a service user coming to one of the parties feeling anxious, and after doing karaoke, colouring and wordsearches, the person said she felt calmer and much happier than she did at the start of the party, especially thanks to spending time with two volunteers who she chatted with throughout the party. I was so happy to see her mood improve and it was incredible that coming to the party helped her. I feel very lucky to have been Active18 PC!" – Project Coordinator



Age Exchange

Age Exchange brings students and residents together in weekly care home visits. Age Exchange conducted 15 visits to the care home, doing activities such as quizzes, singing and playing music, having tea and cupcakes, love spoon making and card making for around 15 residents.

"Had a great time meeting new people and getting to hear about their lives. It was awesome being able to encourage them to talk about their lives." – Volunteer



Clwb Cymraeg

Clwb Cymraeg is a fortnightly social club where volunteers support students, university staff and community members to come together and learn or develop Welsh skills. Clwb Cymraeg held 11 sessions with activities including boardgames, puzzles, competitions, Santes Dwynwen card making, air dry clay love spoon making and plant pot decorating.

"Fel yr unig berson yn fy nheulu sy'n gallu siarad Cymraeg, mae'n mor bwysig i fi i gymryd rhan yn y digwyddiad Cymraeg. Yn ystod y digwyddiadau, dw i'n cael y cyfle i ymarfer a defnyddio fy sgiliau iaith a chysylltu gyda ffrindiau newydd trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Mae'r sesiynau Cymraeg gyda Discovery yn helpu i adeiladu cymuned o siaradwyr Cymraeg fy mod i'n ddiolchgar am." – Cyfranogwr

"As the only person in my family who can speak Welsh, it is so important for me to take part in the Welsh event. During the events, I have the opportunity to practice and use my language skills and connecting with new friends through the medium of Welsh. The Welsh sessions with Discovery help to build a community of Welsh speakers that I am grateful for."– Attendee

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Buddied Reading



Buddied Reading Scheme pairs students and children together in weekly reading sessions at two local schools. Buddied held 11 school visits across the two sites support -ing around 120 children. 92% children said they enjoyed reading with their volunteers.

"One of the boys was reading a book about dinosaurs and just forgot about the book and kept talking about dinosaurs and how he knows everything about them and love them a lot. It was really sweet to see their enthusiasm and read something that interests them." – Volunteer

LEGO Club



Building Blocks uses the LEGO Therapy Model to run a programme of weekly sessions for children who may be struggling with social skills or friendship making. LEGO Club ran 12 sessions, supporting 55 children to complete 12 LEGO sets over the year.

"LEGO Club helps me to be patient, calm and helps me communicate with people" – Child

"We are so very grateful to the Discovery students. It is an incredibly popular club with the children and ticks so many boxes in aiding the children's development. Across sessions, we have seen children grow in confidence, whilst making and maintain friendships with their peers. Lego Club has been great for encouraging and developing children's fine motor skills, receptive and expressive language and social communication skills. The wonderful student volunteers give up their own time to work with our children and make it such a fun and meaningful activity too. The children leave each session absolutely beaming and look forward to the students returning each term! We really cannot thank them enough." – St Thomas School

School Daze



School Daze supports students to volunteer in a local school, providing classroom support to children that need it. This year School Daze supported 28 school visits where our volunteers supported around 150 children in years 1-5 on themes including Christmas and Hanukkah crafts, reading and writing, science experiments, sports, Red Nose Day activities, art, religious studies, Maths, Geography, BSL and specific support with SEN students.

Case Study: 'Throughout the project, S has been extremely consistent, and we have received so much positive feedback from the school about him. In his final week in Swansea, he has attend 4/5 days of the week. He has been running activities with young people and being given more responsibility from the school. His confidence seems to have grown and he has developed a connection with the school staff.'

"One week we had a volunteer was Nepalese and spoke with a child who had been writing about Nepal."

Penpal Project



The Penpal Project pairs students with community members young and old to exchange letters and cards. This year the penpal projects facilitated the exchanging of 273 letters to 50 children and 15 adults in the community.

"I am absolutely loving the PenPal project!! It's so heartwarming to receive replies from the Penpals and learn more about them, and I've really enjoyed writing the letters" – Penpal

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Supported Volunteering and Social Action Groups

This project enables disabled volunteers to volunteer by pairing them with student volunteers who can provide person centred support either one to one or in small groups. The groups also explore wellbeing, local and global social issues and campaigns.

'The project helps us be more confident, it pushes us a little bit and is generally amazing'







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Student Volunteer reflections

“Arriving at Swansea University in September 2023 marked the beginning of a transformative journey for me. I eagerly signed up for volunteering with Discovery the moment I heard about it. Initially, juggling schoolwork and extracurricular activities was challenging. After the first semester, I found myself missing home and struggling with depression. However, in a twist of fate, becoming an active volunteer in the second semester turned into a miracle, helping me manage my depression while having fun and acquiring new skills. The training I received through Discovery shaped my approach to working with individuals, especially those with disabilities, and taught me valuable lessons about empathy and support. As an introvert, I never imagined being able to manage so many activities alongside my demanding science course. Through volunteering, I found a family and a sense of belonging. In reflection, volunteering with Discovery was a pivotal part of my university experience. It not only helped me cope with personal struggles but also allowed me to contribute positively to the community. This experience has set a solid foundation for my future, underscoring the profound impact of giving back to the community.”

“Engaging in these projects helped me develop a sense of civic responsibility, while also improving my organizational and teamwork skills. Collaborating with fellow volunteers and community members on these initiatives showed me the power of collective action and strengthened my leadership abilities. Reflecting on this experience, I realize how much my volunteering has broadened my understanding of community impact, refined my communication skills, and solidified my commitment to supporting others. The skills I gained will be invaluable as I continue to pursue roles that focus on education, mental well-being, and community involvement.”

“Volunteering at the Vetch was always about the people and that’s what volunteering with Discovery has given me; soft skills and the confidence to engage in conversations with people from different walks of life.”

“Volunteering at Discovery Swansea has been a transformative experience for me. One that has left a lasting mark on my personal and professional development. Engaging in this initiative has not only allowed me to contribute meaningfully to the community but also to grow in ways I had not anticipated.. The organization's commitment to making a tangible difference is infectious, and this ethos permeated every aspect of my volunteer experience. I was involved in various projects, each designed to address specific community needs, ranging from training programs, social activities, and environmental conservation efforts. One of the most impactful projects I participated in was the Swansea Women's Aid project. Working with Vulnerable Women and children who needed extra support was both challenging and rewarding. It required patience, empathy, ability to make decisions, and adaptability. Additionally, the necessity to adapt to unexpected challenges improved my problem-solving skills. “

“Volunteering is a rewarding experience because I never would have imagined learning so much more than what I could ever have learned in a regular job. I realized that I probably will continue serving due to some sort of satisfaction that comes from helping others like care home support, and asylum seeker support and other fun activities too.”

“Volunteering is something that I have always been passionate about. As an international student initially, I was very nervous whether I would be able to survive or adapt here but volunteering at Discovery solved my problems. Hearing about volunteering at Discovery in my 1st year was exciting because I had found my safe space here, the working environment at the office and the people, everything was just amazing. It has been a transformative experience for me. It provided me with a platform to adapt to a new environment, connect with diverse individuals, and build meaningful relationships. Through various roles and responsibilities, I improved key skills such as communication, teamwork, and time management. Being, a project coordinator for a children’s project (Buddied Reading) in my 2nd year allowed me to develop leadership and organizational abilities, as I recruited volunteers, planned socials, and ensured tasks were completed efficiently. Becoming an ambassador this year further enhanced my public speaking and networking skills, enabling me to represent Discovery and its values. These experiences not only enriched my personal growth but also significantly boosted my CV. This journey has instilled a sense of confidence in me, encouraging me to seize opportunities and step outside my comfort zone. It strengthened my faith in the ability of volunteer work to shape careers, benefit the community, and spur personal growth. I will always be thankful and grateful to Discovery for this lifetime of joyful experience.”

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Training programmes

As well as our ongoing induction training for all new volunteers we have offered a vibrant mix of training sessions. Aimed at helping our volunteers build their skills, values and understanding of a wide range of issues that impact on their volunteering roles.

Look After Your Mate Disability Awareness - First Aid Supported Volunteering Scheme Safeguarding Sight Loss Awareness Look After Your Mate Systems of Oppression and Allyship Autism Awareness Financial Wellbeing Disability Awareness	Sensory Sport Workshop Trans Etiquette For Your Volunteering Asylum in the UK Disability Awareness Sight Loss Awareness Supported Volunteering Scheme Financial Wellbeing Suicide and Non-Suicidal Self-Injury Talking About Your Volunteering Disability Awareness Welsh taster session

One off volunteering

Fidget toys for wellbeing Beach clean Shwmae day Hopewalk with Papyrus October Give it a go Week • Active 18 Halloween Party • Billingual Kindness cards for Penpals • LEGO model building • Beach Clean Bay • DIY Bookmarks for Buddied Reading and School Daze Gardening with Campus Life Letter Writing for Schools Trans Affirming Poscard makings Wellbeing Wednesday Crafting in School Bilingual Christmas kindness cards Christmas Card Making University Beach Clean School Daze Pack Making Session Age Exchange Bunting Making	Tea Dance Welsh Love Spoon Making University Beach Clean February Student Volunteering Week • Digital media skills • Creating Book Characters • The Vetch • Building Nest Boxes Bingo Bore Coffi LGBTQ+ History Month Posters Circus Eruption Gardening Letter Writing for Schools University Beach Clean Short Story Writing Community Litter Pick Short Story Writing University Beach Clean Bag Dropping - Help Out When You Move Out Kindness Cards and Letter Writing Resource Making - Crisis Welsh Learner Packs Marathon Cheering – Crisis Bag Collection – Help out when you move out

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Future Developments

We intend to maintain a strong offering of student volunteering and continue to work closely with the wider Swansa third sector to ensure that students can get invoked in a wide range of opportunities, both building their skills and helping where it is most needed.

We continue to see students requiring more and more support as the cost of living crisis, world events and challenges in the education sector continue. Therefore, being a caring organisation that values its people and finds the best ways to support them will remain central, we will establish strong links with university support services and ensure that students are accessing help when the need it.

By changing the term of our student trustees we hope to be able to develop our trustee board and governance function,. We anticipate changes in our non student trustees over the next year so will be building links with potential new trustees.

2025/2026 will mark our 60th anniversary so we will start planning events and activities to celebrate this important milestone.

The funding environment remails challenging for small charities so we intend to look to diversify our fundraising by finding ways for our supporters to contribute directly to what we do. This will include joining Lotto Abertawe, holding fundraising events and exploring other options.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Student Trustees

President
Felicity McKee (To April 2024)
Charlotte Cooke (From April 2024)

Vice President
Rewa Gupta (To April 2024)

Treasurer
Mamta Behera (To April 2024)
Levis (From April 2024)

Secretary
Natalie Jarvis (To April 2024)
Georgia Rees (From April 2024)
Naman Kumar (From April 2024)

Non Portfolio
Felicity McKee
Georgia Rees
Charlotte Cooke
Briony Haines (To April 2024)
Georgia Marklew (To April 2024)
Emm Thomas

From April 2024 (non portfolio)
Olugbenga Fayehun
Levis Varghese
Mamta Behra
Natalie Jarvis
Omon Aiwejhoe
Malgozata Ragosko
Sienna Stone

Non-Student Trustees

Chair
Sian Impey

Vice Chair
Alison Walker

Treasurer
Mike Buckle

Non Portfolio
Louise Rees

Community Trustee
Emily Bollington (To April 2024)

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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the statements on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation;
- State whether the financial reporting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed unexplained in the accounts, and
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Insofar as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant accounting information of which the charity's Accountants and Independent Examiners are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the independent examiners are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on April 29, 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Alison Walker - Trustee

Charlotte Cooke – Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Discovery SVS ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity'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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: R Doyle Dated: May 7, 2025

Rachel Doyle ACA DChA

MHA, Chartered Accountants, MHA House, Charter Court, Swansea Enterprise Park, Swansea, SA7 9FS

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**98,200**	**154,942**	**253,142**	*197,214*
Charitable activities	4	**-**	**136**	**136**	*297*
Other trading activities	5	**360**	**21,041**	**21,401**	*6,028*
Total income		**98,560**	**176,119**	**274,679**	*203,539*
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		**102,249**	**115,678**	**217,927**	*204,301*
Total expenditure		**102,249**	**115,678**	**217,927**	*204,301*
Net movement in funds		**(3,689)**	**60,441**	**56,752**	*(762)*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**22,746**	**123,155**	**145,901**	*146,663*
Net movement in funds		**(3,689)**	**60,441**	**56,752**	*(762)*
Total funds carried forward		**19,057**	**183,596**	**202,653**	*145,901*

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

The notes on pages 19 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Note		2024 £		2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		**1,951**		*2,519*
			1,951		*2,519*
Current assets					
Debtors	12	**15,310**		*54,169*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**238,778**		*157,729*	
		254,088		*211,898*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	**(53,386)**		*(68,516)*	
Net current assets			**200,702**		*143,382*
Total assets less current liabilities			**202,653**		*145,901*
Net assets excluding pension asset			**202,653**		*145,901*
Total net assets			**202,653**		*145,901*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	14		**19,057**		*22,746*
Unrestricted funds	14		**183,596**		*123,155*
Total funds			**202,653**		*145,901*

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Dr Alison Walker
(Trustee)

Charlotte Cooke
(Trustee)

Date: April 29, 2025

The notes on pages 19 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

1. General information

Discovery Student Volunteering Swansea is an unincorporated trust, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The registered number is 256146 and principal address is:
Fulton House
Swansea University
Singleton Park
Swansea
SA2 8PP

The functional and presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£) and balances are rounded to the nearest £1.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Discovery SVS 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.

2.2 Going concern

A significant proportion of the charity's income is by way of grant funding. The charity is reliant upon the continuing support of its grant funders. The trustees have responded to this risk by ensuring that cash reserves are maintained in order to cover a sufficient period so that the charity can meet ongoing running costs and any staff redundancy costs.

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and accordingly adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income from tax reclaims are recognised in the same period as the gift or donation to which they relate.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset’s use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Allocation of support and governance costs

Governance costs comprise of all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees together with support costs. Due to the nature of the operations of the charity it was not considered appropriate to allocate expenditure on activities.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	-	20%
Computer equipment	-	20%

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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.

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of expenditure for which it was incurred.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.12 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.13 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2024 £	**Unrestricted funds 2024 £**	**Total funds 2024 £**
Donations	-	5,114	**5,114**
Grants	98,200	149,828	**248,028**
	98,200	154,942	**253,142**

	Restricted funds 2023 £	*Unrestricted funds 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Donations	*-*	*7,991*	*7,991*
Grants	*53,923*	*135,300*	*189,223*
	53,923	*143,291*	*197,214*

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from charitable activities	136	**136**

	Restricted funds 2023 £	*Unrestricted funds 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Income from charitable activities	*13*	*284*	*297*

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Other trading activities	360	13,512	**13,872**
Interest income	-	7,529	**7,529**
	360	21,041	**21,401**

	Restricted funds 2023 £	*Unrestricted funds 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Other trading activities	*800*	*2,168*	*2,968*
Interest income	-	*3,060*	*3,060*
	800	*5,228*	*6,028*

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Charitable activities	210,073	7,854	**217,927**

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	*Support costs 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Charitable activities	*195,710*	*8,591*	*204,301*

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Staff costs	**178,918**	*161,502*
Activities	**1,977**	*4,366*
Travel and subsistence	**2,164**	*3,161*
Dues and subscriptions	**4,998**	*6,355*
Staff training	**2,090**	*5,495*
Resources	**728**	*1,299*
Refreshments	**909**	*954*
Telephone	**135**	*492*
Depreciation	**568**	*320*
Other costs	**17,586**	*11,766*
	210,073	*195,710*

Analysis of support costs

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Insurance	**2,647**	*1,701*
Bank charges	**84**	*77*
Governance costs	**5,123**	*6,813*
	7,854	*8,591*

7. Governance costs

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Independent examination	**3,102**	*2,800*
Payroll & training fees	**1,562**	*1,265*
Legal fees	**459**	*2,748*

8. Staff costs

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Wages and salaries	**171,428**	*154,909*
Pension scheme contributions	**7,490**	*6,593*
	178,918	*161,502*

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	*2023 No.*
.	**8**	*8*

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8. Staff costs (continued)

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Key management personnel are considered to be those personnel who are not trustees but sit within key operational and strategic roles. The total costs of the key management personnel were £41,599 (2023 - £40,976).

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits *(2023 - £NIL)*.

During the year ended 31 July 2024, expenses totalling £372 were reimbursed or paid directly to 3 Trustees *(2023 - £NIL*). Reimbursed expenses related to general volunteer and office costs.

10. Volunteers

The value of volunteers' time given within the year is estimated with reference to the recorded number of volunteer hours multiplied by the estimated hourly rate that an employee would have been paid for carrying out the service. The quantified benefit to the charity for volunteers' time was £266,709 (2023: £163,256), given that 20,400 (2023: 13,000) hours were recorded. This amount has not been recognised in the accounts.

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 August 2023	**1,573**	**1,266**	**2,839**
At 31 July 2024	**1,573**	**1,266**	**2,839**
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2023	**236**	**84**	**320**
Charge for the year	**315**	**253**	**568**
At 31 July 2024	**551**	**337**	**888**

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11. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Net book value			
At 31 July 2024	**1,022**	**929**	**1,951**
At 31 July 2023	*1,337*	*1,182*	*2,519*

12. Debtors

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	**7,399**	*47,463*
Other debtors	**1,295**	*2,215*
Prepayments and accrued income	**6,616**	*4,491*
	15,310	*54,169*

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Trade creditors	**2,809**	*2,516*
Pension fund loan payable	**1,008**	*931*
Accruals and deferred income	**49,569**	*65,069*
	53,386	*68,516*

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 July 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	**123,155**	**176,119**	**(115,678)**	**183,596**
Restricted funds				
Austin Bailey Foundation	**2,741**	**2,750**	**(5,381)**	**110**
BBC Children In Need	**3,695**	**-**	**(3,695)**	**-**
Swansea Youth Bank	**307**	**-**	**-**	**307**
Swansea Siavonga Partnership	**1,635**	**-**	**(500)**	**1,135**
Volunteering In Wales	**6,800**	**24,204**	**(24,762)**	**6,242**
Supported Volunteers	**5,226**	**360**	**(455)**	**5,131**
ICF C4B	**221**	**10,924**	**(9,324)**	**1,821**
SEA WOW	**361**	**7,151**	**(4,578)**	**2,934**
Transformation Fund	**831**	**-**	**-**	**831**
Postcode Fund	**-**	**14,323**	**(14,323)**	**-**
Toyota Community Fund	**191**	**2,000**	**(1,815)**	**376**
Shared Prosperity Fund	**-**	**36,848**	**(36,848)**	**-**
Non Project Specific	**738**	**-**	**(568)**	**170**
	22,746	**98,560**	**(102,249)**	**19,057**
Total of funds	**145,901**	**274,679**	**(217,927)**	**202,653**

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 August 2022 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Balance at 31 July 2023 £*
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	*126,804*	*148,803*	*(152,452)*	*123,155*
Restricted funds				
Austin Bailey Foundation	*3,284*	*1,750*	*(2,293)*	*2,741*
BBC Children In Need	*2,794*	*10,000*	*(9,099)*	*3,695*
Swansea Youth Bank	*307*	*-*	*-*	*307*
Swansea Siavonga Partnership	*2,096*	*-*	*(461)*	*1,635*
Volunteering In Wales	*4,182*	*15,706*	*(13,088)*	*6,800*
Supported Volunteers	*4,501*	*813*	*(88)*	*5,226*
ICF C4B	*1,356*	*3,164*	*(4,299)*	*221*
SEA WOW	*602*	*9,770*	*(10,011)*	*361*
Transformation Fund	*-*	*1,000*	*(169)*	*831*
Postcode Fund	*-*	*10,533*	*(10,533)*	*-*
Toyota Community Fund	*-*	*2,000*	*(1,809)*	*191*
Non Project Specific	*738*	*-*	*-*	*738*
	19,860	*54,736*	*(51,850)*	*22,746*
Total of funds	*146,664*	*203,539*	*(204,302)*	*145,901*

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Each of our projects is led by one or two project co-ordinators. These are exceptional student volunteers who are prepared to take on a leadership role, supporting and organising their own teams of volunteers and liaising directly with our community contacts. Without these brilliant, dedicated volunteers we would not be able to offer such a remarkable range of volunteering opportunities to students and to the community around us. We are so grateful for everything they do.

Swansea University and the Shared Prosperity Fund support all of our project.

Active18
Provides group activities for adults with additional needs. Volunteers work as a team to plan and deliver a programme of activities each week, as well as attending sessions and supporting participants to engage. Activities are themed around the NHS 5 ways to wellbeing.
Supported by Regional Integrated Fund, West Glamorgan Regional Partnership (ICF C4B)

Age Exchange
Pairs students and residents together in weekly care home visits. Volunteers may walk around the grounds or hang out in the lounge playing games or doing crafts with the residents.
Supported by the Transformation Fund and Austin Bailey Foundation

Buddied Reading
Pairs students and children together in weekly reading sessions at two local schools.
Supported by Auston Bailey Foundation

Building Blocks
Uses the LEGO Therapy Model to run a programme of weekly sessions for children who may be struggling with social skills or friendship making.
Supported by Children in Need and Austen Bailey Foundation

Connect Groups
Events to raise awareness of mental health and looking after your wellbeing. Volunteers plan and deliver weekly wellbeing group sessions, virtually and/or in person, for other students.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Clwb Cymraeg
A regular Welsh Language Club run in partnership with the Student Union and Campus life.
Volunteers help to plan and deliver activities.
Supported by the Austen Bailey Foundation

Penpal Project
Pairs students with community members young and old to exchange letters and cards.
Supported by Children in Need and Austin bailey Foundation

STAR Project
providing volunteer support for Unity in Diversity, a local drop in and English classes for refugee and asylum seekers in Swansea.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

The Vetch
Supports local community members in maintaining their allotment plots and community garden.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation and Toyota Community Fund

School Daze
Class room support in local schools.

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Supported Volunteering Scheme and Social Action Groups
The Supported Volunteering Scheme gives volunteers the opportunity to work one to one with a disabled adult to support them to volunteer. Paired volunteers work on tasks in the Discovery office. Small groups work on well being, activism and awareness raising.
Supported by WCVA Main Volunteering Grant, Swansea Youth Bank and Postcode Trust Lottery

Swansea Women's Empowerment Society (SWES)
Activities offering a safe space for students who are a woman, trans or non-binary and have experienced sexual assault/ harassment.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Ambassadors
Promote volunteering in a range of different ways. Including talks, stalls and presentation, Creating digital media and supporting the staff team with volunteer interviews.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

One off volunteering
A diverse and exciting programme of volunteering including creating resources for other charities, environmental projects and litter picks.
Supported by Toyota Community Fund

Swansea Siavonga Partnership
We are unable to visit Siavonga as we have in the past but this year we were able to support the building of an extra room that would provide stable housing for one of the children who benefited form our scholarship scheme.

Swansea Employability Academy (SEA WOW)
We have worked in partnership with SEA to host student interns. Funded by SEA these student staff members have made a huge contribution to the work of Discovery and expanded our capacity at key times.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,951	-	**1,951**
Current assets	63,783	190,305	**254,088**
Creditors due within one year	(46,677)	(6,709)	**(53,386)**
Total	19,057	183,596	**202,653**

DISCOVERSVS

England & Wales - Charity number 256146

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 256146

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 FOR

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

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DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
Eleanor Norton

2022 to 2023 has been a busy year. Our amazing volunteers have packed in over 13,000 hours of volunteering. It is a testament to the incredible hard work and dedication of our staff team and project co-ordinators (lead student volunteers) who have worked phenomenally hard to ensure that safe, reliable, meaningful volunteering is available to every student who wants to get involved.

We have re-established and built on our relationships across the University and with the wider community. As ever re-evaluating our offer and making sure that it is the best fit and most purposeful for both our volunteers and the community we serve. Our Trustees have both supported and led, especially supporting us in our University and community links. Our ambassadors have enabled us to talk directly to so many more students.

Our new volunteering platform has allowed us to work more efficiently with external charities, giving them a space to communicate directly with potential student volunteers. This year 521 active volunteers gave over 13,000 hours. We offered 174 opportunities, 35 induction training sessions, 51 training sessions, 48 one-off volunteering sessions, 14 of our own regular projects and 13 external partner projects.

I am hugely proud of our small organisation, with a core staff team of just 6, ably supported by employed student interns through the year, we are able to create a space where every volunteer, whether they decide to take a lead as a trustee or project co-ordinator or ambassador or attend single one off opportunity can thrive, connect with others and know that they are making a difference to the community as well as to their own futures.

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT PRESIDENT

Felicity McKee

Being in a position as President of the Trustees this last year has been an amazing experience both personally and professionally, but it is awe-inspiring to see the hard work of so many that allow Discovery to continue to go from strength to strength. I want to thank all those involved at every level of Discovery who helped make this happen.

Our 521 active volunteers are the lifeblood of the work we do, and the 13,060.5 hours of recorded volunteering hours reflect this. This of course can't happen without the incredible support of our staff and project co-ordinators who help to keep everything running smoothly and facilitate the 14 regular projects via Discovery and 13 partner projects.

They've also helped support 174 opportunities, 5 training sessions, and 48 one-off volunteering sessions and this all accumulates in creating a wider social good that goes back to the very beginnings in 1966. I hope this report and the statistics and updates within it, help to show the value of Discovery and the ongoing and continuous good work that the charity does for students and the local community. As we approach almost 60 years in 2026, I am confident that the charity will continue to grow and develop further, and this report is a reflection of the strength that all those years of experience and volunteering have led to.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

Who we are

Discovery is a registered charity that has been established since 1966. This year, 512 student volunteers contributed 13,061 hours of support to the community; we estimate the financial value of this support at £163,256 but recognise that the impacts, connections and relationships far exceed this value. We also recognise that the huge range of skills and experiences gained by our student volunteers are of huge value and will stand them in excellent stead in their future lives as well as greatly enhancing their student experience. Our organisation envisages a community where people are treated like equals and are not discriminated against or disadvantaged by society.

Discovery focuses on providing the best possible service to the people who we work with in Swansea, so we need skilled, trained, and enthusiastic volunteers.

Discovery aims to:

- Enrich the lives of the people in Swansea in order to fulfil their potential as empowered individuals and as members of groups and communities.
- Offer new experiences and opportunities through a broad range of student-led activities in the community, leading to increased mutual understanding and equality.
- Actively support students to be aware of their personal development and the impact upon themselves and the lives of others through their involvement in the community-based activities.

Every year Discovery offers a range of volunteering projects, these are a mix of our own projects, run entirely by our students with support from our staff and partner projects where we link with external charities and other parts of the university to support their activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Discovery is a registered charity and is governed by a constitution adopted on the 13th June 1969, amended on the 6th December 1979, 4th May, 15th June 1993, 16th February 1998, 15th February 2001, 8th June 2005, Feb 2007, March 2011, March 2015 and December 2019. The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Objectives and aims

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in the City and County of Swansea and surrounding areas, in particular the advancement of education, the furtherance of health and the relief of poverty, distress, and sickness.

Within the limitation of the above, to promote the following main areas:

- To encourage co-operation between voluntary groups, the statutory authorities, and individuals in the service of the community.
- To foster the ideal of voluntary/community service particularly amongst young people, by providing guidance and opportunities for personal development; learning and developing skills as well as participation in wide aspects of voluntary/community in wide aspects of voluntary/community involvement.
- To focus the attention of individuals connected with, as well as the institution of Swansea University and the community at large, onto social problems, with a view to creating a sense of individual responsibility and personal participation in remedying those problems.

Organisational structure
The Board of Trustees, made up of Student Trustees and Non-Student Trustees, appoints the staff of the organisation and oversees the operation of the organisation.
Discovery's staff members for the year ended 31st July 2023 were as follows:
Director: Eleanor Norton
Supported Volunteering Scheme Project Manager: Kirsty Rowles
Volunteering Projects Manager: Vixie Barker-Williams
Volunteer Recruitment and Marketing Manager - Sian Davies
Social Media Officer (maternity cover) - Emma Burton
Volunteer Recruitment Worker (maternity cover) - Maria Oliveira
Project Worker: Megan Griffiths then Maria Oliveria
Finance Officer: Natalie Cole

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees
- Non-Student Trustees shall be elected at the AGM for a three-year period, in accordance with the procedure for the AGM. They may stand for re-election.
- Student Trustees are elected each year at the AGM by members of the organisation, in accordance with the procedure for the AGM, they may also stand for re-election.

Induction and training of new Trustees
Trustees are invited to a weekend of training. This training includes roles and responsibilities, team building, sub groups work and strategic planning sessions. On-going support is offered through regular meetings. Trustee training opportunities provided by Swansea Council for Voluntary Service and Wales Council for Voluntary Action are routinely offered to our trustees.

Public benefit
The Trustees have complied with their duty in relation to section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Risk Management
The Trustees have carried out a review of the major risks to the organisation and believe that the level of reserves policy is sufficient to cover adverse conditions that the organisation may face. The organisation has in place financial, personnel, and health and safety controls to limit the likelihood and impact of risks. All events and activities are risk assessed prior to commencement. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are carried out on all appropriate staff and volunteer roles. The Board of Trustees actively monitor the financial position.

Our fundraising promise
Discovery is a member of the Fundraising Standards Board self-regulatory scheme. The Fundraising Standards Board works to ensure that organisations raising money from the public do so honestly and properly. As a member of the scheme, we follow the Institute and Fundraiser's Codes of Fundraising Practice, and comply with the key principles embodied in the Codes and in the Promise. Further details can be found at www.frsb.org.uk.

Our achievements
2022 to 2023 has been an exciting year for Discovery. We have worked incredibly hard to re-establish something close to our pre pandemic 'normal' bringing strengths and adaptations with us. We have maintained a wide range of high-quality volunteering and ensured that students have meaningful ways to support the community. We have forged new partnerships with community organisations and found new, more efficient ways of working.

All of our projects are supported by our core grant from Swansea University and our own fundraising activities. We have been extremely fortunate to have been awarded funding by other grant making organisations; these are noted within the relevant projects.

Financial Review

This has been another successful year for Discovery; we have received grants from new funders as well as maintaining relationships with long term funders, demonstrating that we continue to offer a high-quality provision and to be highly trusted organisation. We have continued to generate a good level of our own income through fundraising events and activities.

Our total income has increased to £203,539 (2022 - £185,206). Our main source of funding are grants, which were higher than last year, at £189,223 (2022 - £182,285). Our main grant provider is Swansea University, but we also receive significant support from Volunteering in Wales.

Our running costs have increased this year by an overall £22,885.

By the end of the year, we had reported a deficit of £762, compared to a surplus of £3,790 last year.

At 31st July 2023, we had total net assets of £145,901 (2022 - £146,663) and £157,731 held as cash in the bank and in hand. Our restricted funds were £22,746 (2022 - £19,859).

Reserves policy

The reserves policy addresses the difficulty of securing unrestricted funds in the current climate and over the coming year we will aim to keep sufficient reserves to cover 9 months of unrestricted expenditure, approximately £112,500. The reserves are maintained to cover unplanned expenditure and/or a shortfall in planned income.

At the end of the financial year ended 31 July 2023 unrestricted funds were £123,156, representing that target reserves were covered by an excess of £10,656.

Every year we find a way aim to include the voices of our student volunteers in our annual report, theses quotes were collected for World Mental Health Day and show really clearly that volunteering has had a hugely positive impact on the mental health and wellbeing of the students who have chosen to get involved. With the current personal, local and global challenges students are facing this is so important and we are incredibly proud to have created a space where they can make a difference to the world but also to themselves.




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Our Projects 2022 to 2023

Each of our projects is led by one or two project co-ordinators. These are exceptional student volunteers who are prepared to take on a leadership role, supporting and organising their own teams of volunteers and liaising directly with our community contacts. Without these brilliant, dedicated volunteers we would not be able to offer such a remarkable range of volunteering opportunities to students and to the community around us. We are so grateful for everything they do.

Active18
Provides both virtual and in-person group activities for adults with additional needs. Volunteers work as a team to plan and deliver a programme of activities each week, as well as attending sessions and supporting participants to engage. Activities are themed around the NHS 5 ways to wellbeing.
Supported by Regional Integrated Fund, West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Progress

Age Exchange
Pairs students and residents together in weekly care home visits. Volunteers may walk around the grounds, visit the cafe or hang out in the lounge playing games or doing crafts with the residents.
Supported by the Transformation Fund, National Lottery Awards for All and Austin Bailey Foundation

Buddied Reading
Pairs students and children together in weekly reading sessions at two local schools.
Supported by Auston Bailey Foundation

Building Blocks
Uses the LEGO Therapy Model to run a programme of weekly sessions for children who may be struggling with social skills or friendship making.
Supported by Children in Need

Connect Groups
Events to raise awareness of mental health and looking after your wellbeing. Volunteers plan and deliver weekly wellbeing group sessions, virtually and/or in person, for other students.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Hospital Helpers
Produces regular activity packs for patients in hospitals across Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.
Supported by National Lottery Awards for All

Inspire Project
Offers letterbox packs and in-person sessions for children, based around the 5 Ways to Wellbeing.
Supported by Children in Need

Pen pal Project
Pairs students with community members young and old to exchange letters and cards.
Supported by Children in Need and National Lottery Awards for All

STAR Project
Providing volunteer support for Unity in Diversity, a local drop in and English classes for refugee and asylum seekers in Swansea,
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Our Projects 2022 to 2023, continued

The Vetch
Supports local community members in maintaining their allotment plots and community garden.

Youth Club
Weekly club sessions, at a local community centre, for children 8-16 years old.
Supported by Children in Need

Inside Story
A community peer education project run by the medical school students in association with Discovery and HMP Swansea.

Supported Volunteering Scheme
The Supported Volunteering Scheme gives volunteers the opportunity to work one to one with a disabled adult to support them to volunteer. Paired volunteers work on tasks in the Discovery office, on projects and in other University departments.
Supported by WCVA Main Volunteering Grant and Postcode Trust Lottery

Swansea Women's Empowerment Society (SWES)
A term pilot running monthly trips and activities offering a safe space for students who are a woman, trans or non-binary and have experienced sexual assault/ harassment
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Ambassadors
Promotes volunteering in a range of different ways, including talks, stalls and presentation, Creating digital media and supporting the staff team with volunteer interviews.
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation

Training programme

As well as 35 induction training sessions for all new volunteers, we have offered a vibrant mix of training sessions aimed at helping our volunteers build their skills, values and understanding of a wide range of issues that impact on their volunteering roles.

Homelessness Awareness	Safeguarding
Learning Disability Awareness	Autism Awareness
Asylum in the UK	Disability Awareness
Public Speaking	County Lines Awareness
Disability Awareness	Trans Etiquette For Your Volunteering
Representing Discovery's Values	Supported Volunteering Scheme
Making Sense of Poverty	Sight Loss Awareness
Online Safety: Train The Trainer	County Lines Awareness
SafeTALK	Suicide and Non-Suicidal Self-Injury
Modern Slavery Awareness	First Aid
Look After Your Mate	Domestic Abuse Awareness
Bereavement	Systems of Oppression and Allyship
Welsh Skills For Your Volunteering	Dementia Friend

Our Projects 2022 to 2023, continued

One off volunteering

Supported by Swansea University Employability Academy, Youth Bank, Austin Bailey Foundation and Toyota

Our one-off volunteering programme has once again been very popular and successful. It allows for volunteering where students can drop in as they please, some choosing it as a very low commitment volunteering with maximum flexibility and others using it to diversify and vary their volunteering experience. These sessions have also allowed us to work with a wider range of community groups and charities. One off volunteering has also helped us expand and explore options for more Welsh language volunteering.

English Community Connections The Vetch Virtual Volunteering STAR, supporting Refugees and Asylum Seekers Matthew's House Dog Toys making for Many Tears animal Rescue Papyrus: Hope Walk Thank you NHS Cards Workshop DIY Bookmarks Urdd Netball NSPCC Card Making Digital media taster session Sand Dune Volunteering Letter writing - Penpals 7 litter picks and beack cleans including -Half Marathon Beach Clean Pride Month Beach Clean Exist Skatepark Painting Crisis Christmas Gift Wrapping Christmas Bauble making for Care homes Fidget jewellery Making for care homes Book Cover making for primary schools	Great British Beach Clean Circus Skills Kindness Cards to Care Homes (Welsh & English) Community Fridge Matthew's House x2 Active 18 Craft Session Youth Club Kindness Cards to Care Homes (Welsh and English) The Big Knit, making scarfs to be donated to homeless projects Gardening with FoSP Inspire One Off, Children Fun Day Plannu Ac Addurno Potiau Blodau Care home gardening and coffee morning Go green week - microvolunteering Bay Go green week - microvolunteering Singleton Tea Dance Gardening with Circus Eruption Volunteering whilst at uni webinar Age Cymru - Coffee morning Volunteerig Positivity Cards for PenPals

Funders

We are incredibly grateful to all our funders for continuing to support us:

- Swansea University
- Children in Need
- WCVA
- Welsh Government
- The Austin Bailey Foundation
- Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme, Regional Integration fund
- Swansea University payroll giving
- Swansea Employability Academy (SEA)
- Youth Bank
- Toyota
- National Lottery Awards for All
- Post Code Trust Lottery
- Individual supporters

Future Developments

We intend to continue to build on this very successful year; we are so proud of all of our volunteers, project co-ordinators, trustees and staff team. Every single person has worked so hard to ensure that we can provide meaningful support to the community around us and life changing opportunities to student volunteers. After a period of significant change, we are looking forward to consolidating on our strengths and ensuring that our offering is robust and purposeful.

2023/2024 will see us renew our Investors in Volunteers Award, a useful opportunity to reflect on and improve our systems and structures. Our trustees have decided to propose a change to student trustee terms, bringing them in line with non student trustees so all trustees have the option of a 3 year term. We believe that this will allow for a more meaningful engagement with the role and enable Discovery to benefit from an increased commitment and experience from its trustees. This proposal will be put to vote by the whole volunteering body.

We aim to make volunteering rewarding and create volunteering opportunities that improve wellbeing as well as making a significant difference to the community around us. We will continue consulting with our volunteers and the people we support to make sure that we are doing this in the best way we can.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
256146

Principal address
Fulton House
Swansea University
Singleton Park
Swansea
SA2 8PP

Student Trustees

President

Ruby Thomas-Collins	(To December 2022)
Felicity McKee	(From December 2022)

Vice President

Rewa Gupta	(From December 2022)

Treasurer

Devarshi Raval	(To December 2022)
Mamta Behera	(From December 2022)

Secretary

Natalie Jarvis	(From December 2022)

Non Portfolio

Nomonde Joya	(To December 2022)
Freya Michaud	(To December 2022)
Felicity McKee	(To December 2022))
Samuel Yeung	(To December 2022)
Felicity McKee	(To December 2021)
Georgia Rees	
Charlotte Cooke	
Briony Haines	
Georgia Marklew	
Emm Thomas	

Non-Student Trustees

Chair

Sian Impey	(From December 2021)

Vice Chair
Alison Walker

Treasurer
Mike Buckle

Non Portfolio
Louise Rees

Community Trustee
Emily Bollington

Independent examiner
MHA
Chartered Accountants
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Swansea
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Oxford Street
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Santander Bank
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Swansea
SA1 3EE

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the statements on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation;
- state whether the financial reporting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed unexplained in the accounts, and
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Insofar as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant accounting information of which the charity's Accountants and Independent Examiners are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the independent examiners are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31/1/24 and signed on its behalf by:

S Impey- Trustee Sian Impey

F McKee - Trustee Felicity McKee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 July 2023.

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.

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts 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.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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 contents of accounts set out in the Charities Act (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.

Rachel Doyle ACA FCCA
for and on behalf of MHA
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
MHA
3 New Mill Court
Swansea Enterprise Park
Swansea
SA7 9FG

Date: 31/1/24

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	2	143,291	53,923	197,214
Charitable activities	3	284	13	297
Other trading activities	4	2,168	800	2,968
Investment income	5	3,060	-	3,060
Total		148,803	54,736	203,539
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activity costs	6	152,451	51,850	204,301
Total		152,451	51,850	204,301
NET INCOME		(3,648)	2,886	(762)
Net transfers between funds		-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(3,648)	2,886	(762)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		126,804	19,859	146,663
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	15	123,156	22,745	145,901

The notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

PRIOR YEAR COMPARATIVES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	2	133,840	50,250	184,090
Charitable activities	3	244	40	284
Other trading activities	4	313	-	313
Investment income	5	519	-	519
Total		134,916	50,290	185,206
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activity costs	6	137,474	43,942	181,416
Total		137474	43,942	181,416
NET INCOME		(2,558)	6,348	3,790
Net transfers between funds		2,297	(2,297)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(261)	4,051	3,790
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		127,065	15,808	142,873
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	15	126,804	19,859	146,663

The notes form part of these financial statements

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	14		
Tangible assets		2,519	-
		2,519	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	54,169	10,362
Cash at bank and in hand		157,729	141,250
		211,898	151,612
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(68,516)	(4,949)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		145,901	146,663
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		145,901	146,663
NET ASSETS		145,901	146,663
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	15	123,156	126,804
Restricted funds		22,745	19,859
TOTAL FUNDS		145,901	146,663

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

F McKee – Trustee

S Impey - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

Statutory information
Discovery Student Volunteering Swansea is an unincorporated trust, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The registered number is 256146 and principal address is as Fulton House, Swansea University, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP.

The functional and presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£) and balances are rounded to the nearest £1.

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern
A significant proportion of the charity's income is by way of grant funding. The charity is reliant upon the continuing support of its grant funders. The trustees have responded to this risk by ensuring that cash reserves are maintained in order to cover a sufficient period so that the charity can meet ongoing running costs and any staff redundancy costs.

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and accordingly adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants and donations
Grants and donations are recognised when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource. In the event that grant income is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised in full until either those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity.

Gift Aid reclaims
Income from tax reclaims are recognised in the same period as the gift or donation to which they relate.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES. Continued

Gifts in kind
Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised, if such gifts are subsequently disposed of or realised.

Donated services or facilities
Such amounts are recognised as incoming resources and resources expended when the benefit to the charity can be reasonably quantified or measured and is considered material to the charity except in the case of volunteers where these have been disclosed in a note to the accounts.

Investment income
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.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is allocated between expenditure incurred directly in an effort to raise funds, expenditure incurred directly in the fulfilment of the charity's objectives and expenditure incurred in the management and administration of the charity (governance costs and support costs).

Allocation of support and governance costs
Governance costs comprise of all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees together with support costs. Due to the nature of the operations of the charity it was not considered appropriate to allocate expenditure on activities.

Charitable activities
Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are only capitalised if they have a value exceeding £1,000 and can be used by the charity for more than one year. Motor vehicles will always be capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off their cost less any residual value over their estimated useful life.

Motor vehicles	- 15% on reducing balance

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of expenditure for which it was incurred.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, wish to create a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES. Continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments
The charity has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations	7,991	-	7,991	1,805
Grants	135,300	53,923	189,223	182.285
	143,291	50,250	197,214	184,090

Grants	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total Fund £	2022 Total Fund £
BBC Children In Need	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Swansea University	135,300	-	135,300	132,035
Volunteering in Wales	-	15,706	15,706	14,796
Changing for the Better	-	3,164	3,164	9,392
SEA WOW	-	9,770	9,770	11,682
Austin Bailey Foundation	-	1,750	1,750	2,500
Postcode Community Fund	-	10,533	10,533	-
Transformation Fund	-	1.000	1,000	1,880
Toyota Community Fund	-	2,000	2,000	-
	135,300	53,923	189,223	182,285

3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fund raising	284	13	297	244
SSP Scholarship	-	-	-	40
	284	13	297	284

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Student Volunteering Activities	-	800	800	255
Reimbursed expenses	2,168	-	2,168	58
	2,168	2,168	2,968	313

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	3,060	519

6 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Salaries, NI & pensions	124,503	36,999	161,502	155,491
Reimbursed expenditure	-	-	-	970
Activities	686	3,680	4,366	3,254
Travel and subsistence	102	3,059	3,161	658
Dues and subscriptions	6,259	96	6,355	782
Staff training	3,557	1,938	5,495	3,146
Resources	1,121	178	1,299	982
Refreshments	512	442	954	523
Telephone	397	95	492	450
Depreciation	320	-	320	-
Other costs	6,551	5,215	11,766	9,054
Total	144,008	51,702	195,710	175,238
Support costs	-	-	-	360
Governance costs	8,443	148	8,591	5,818
	152,451	51,850	204,301	181,416

7 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2023 nor for the year ended 31 July 2022.

7 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS, continued

Trustees' expenses

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	-	31

No trustees (2022 – 1) were reimbursed for expenses.

8 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy & payroll fees	4,065	-	4,065	3,648
Professional fees	2.600	148	2,748	-
Insurance	1,701	-	1,701	2,086
Bank charges	77	-	77	84
Total	8,443	148	8,591	5,818

9 STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and social security	154,909	150,175
Pension scheme contributions	6,593	5,244
	161,502	155,419

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2023	2022
8	9

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Key management personnel
Key management personnel are considered to be those personnel who are not trustees but sit within key operational and strategic roles. The total costs of the key management personnel were £40,976 (2022: £38,669).

10 VOLUNTEERS

The value of volunteers' time given within the year is estimated with reference to the recorded number of volunteer hours multiplied by the estimated hourly rate that an employee would have been paid for carrying out the service. The quantified benefit to the charity for volunteers' time was £163,256 (2022: £87,160), given that 13,000 (2022: 8,070) hours were recorded. This amount has not been recognised in the accounts.

11 ACCOUNTANT'S REMUNERATION

Accountancy fees in relation to the independent examination, included within charitable activity costs, were £2,800 (2022: £2,640).

12 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	47,463	8,767
Other debtors	6,705	1,595
	54,169	10,362

13 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,516	588
Taxation and social security	931	819
Accruals	2,892	2,928
Deferred income	62,177	614
	68,516	4,949

14 TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Computer equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
COST			
Brought forward	-	-	-
Additions	1,266	1,573	2,839
At 31 July 2023	1,266	1,573	2,839
DEPRECIATION			
Brought forward	-	-	-
Charge for the year	84	236	320
At 31 July 2023	84	236	320
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2023	1,182	1,337	2,519

15 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01/08/22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31/07/23
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	126,804	148,803	(152,451)	-	123,156
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Restricted funds					
Inspire	3,103	10,000	(9,099)	-	4,002
International	2,096	-	(461)	-	1,635
Involve	10,639	42,986	(39,997)	-	13,630
Non-Project Specific	4,021	1,750	(2,293)	-	3,478
Total restricted funds	19,859	54,736	(51,850)	-	22,745
Total funds	146,663	203,539	(204,301)	-	145,901

15 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

	At 01/08/21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31/07/22
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	127,065	134,916	(137,474)	2,297	126,804
	127,065	134,916	(134,747)	2,298	126,804
Restricted funds					
Inspire	1,623	11,880	(10,400)	-	3,103
International	3,026	40	(970)	-	2,096
Involve	8,584	35,870	(31,482)	(2,333)	10,639
Interact	(36)	-	-	36	-
Non-Project Specific	2,611	2,500	(1,090)		4,021
Total restricted funds	15,808	50,290	(43,942)	-	19,859
Total funds	142,873	185,206	(181,416)	-	146,663

The purpose for which the above restricted funds are held are described in detail in the trustees report.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	141,744	72,673	214,417
Current liabilities	(18,588)	(49,928)	(68,516)
Total net assets	123,155	22,746	145,901

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England & Wales - Charity number 256146

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 256146

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022 FOR

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
Eleanor Norton

2021 to 2022 has been another complex year for Discovery. We have continually reinvented, adjusted and developed what we do to make sure that our student volunteers can safely support the community around them. This has led to us doing new things, and our usual things in new ways. I am incredibly proud of the flexibility, adaptability and resilience of our whole team.

The staff have worked incredibly hard to keep our services running and our volunteers have stepped up to new challenges, continuing to show a huge passion and dedication to make a positive difference to the community around them.

We know that volunteering has brought student volunteers together, helping them build connections with each other and with the community around them, countering some of the isolation that the pandemic has created. Volunteering has had significant mental health and wellbeing benefits for our volunteers, as they have been able to feel positive and productive in a challenging world, knowing that they are helping people around them.

Our one-off programme has been particularly successful and popular this year enabling students to drop in to meaningful activities. This has given a greater variety of opportunities to some and allowed others, for whom a regular commitment is not realistic, the opportunity to use what time they can dedicate to volunteering in the best way possible.

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT PRESIDENT

Ruby Thomas Collins

I started my Discovery journey during 2020 – the covid year. I began volunteering during my final year of my law degree, a particularly bleak time ordinarily, but heighted by lockdowns and social distancing. Without the shining light of Discovery, I don't think I would have achieved what I did. Discovery gave me a creative outlet, a place to develop my skills and somewhere to meet fantastic people.

Throughout my time with Discovery, I have taken on many roles, volunteer, intern, project coordinator and now Student Trustee President. The skills I have learnt through Discovery have massively helped my employability. Due to the work I have done with Discovery managing volunteers, I was able to get a fantastic job with Citizen's Advice. This new role combines two of my passions, charity work and the legal world.

The role of president has allowed me to learn about managing a team, develop my public speaking skills and discovering how a charity runs; both day-to-day and how it complies with the law. I have also been able to gain confidence in myself and my abilities. I have been able to chair many meetings, something which terrified me before.

I just want to say from the bottom of my heart, thank you to everyone – students, staff and the board of trustees, thank you for making my time with Discovery amazing.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

Who we are

Discovery is a registered charity that has been established since 1966. This year, 690 student volunteers logged 8,070 hours of support to the community; we estimate the financial value of this support at £87,160 but recognise that the impacts, connections and relationships far exceed this value. We also recognise that the huge range of skills and experiences gained by our student volunteers are of huge value and will stand them in excellent stead in their future lives as well as greatly enhancing their student experience. Our organisation envisages a community where people are treated like equals and are not discriminated against or disadvantaged by society.

Discovery focuses on providing the best possible service to the people who we work with in Swansea, so we need skilled, trained, and enthusiastic volunteers.

Discovery aims to:

- Enrich the lives of the people in Swansea in order to fulfil their potential as empowered individuals and as members of groups and communities.
- Offer new experiences and opportunities through a broad range of student-led activities in the community, leading to increased mutual understanding and equality.
- Actively support students to be aware of their personal development and the impact upon themselves and the lives of others through their involvement in the community-based activities.

Every year Discovery offers a range of volunteering projects, these are a mix of our own projects, run entirely by our students with support from our staff and partner projects where we link with external charities and other parts of the university to support their activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Discovery is a registered charity and is governed by a constitution adopted on the 13th June 1969, amended on the 6th December 1979, 4th May, 15th June 1993, 16th February 1998, 15th February 2001, 8th June 2005, Feb 2007, March 2011, March 2015 and December 2019. The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Objectives and aims

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in the City and County of Swansea and surrounding areas, in particular the advancement of education, the furtherance of health and the relief of poverty, distress, and sickness.

Within the limitation of the above, to promote the following main areas:

- To encourage co-operation between voluntary groups, the statutory authorities, and individuals in the service of the community.
- To foster the ideal of voluntary/community service particularly amongst young people, by providing guidance and opportunities for personal development; learning and developing skills as well as participation in wide aspects of voluntary/community in wide aspects of voluntary/community involvement.
- To focus the attention of individuals connected with, as well as the institution of Swansea University and the community at large, onto social problems, with a view to creating a sense of individual responsibility and personal participation in remedying those problems.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees, made up of Student Trustees and Non-Student Trustees, appoints the staff of the organisation and oversees the operation of the organisation.

Discovery's staff members for the year ended 31st July 2022 were as follows:

Director: Eleanor Norton
Supported Volunteering Scheme Project Manager: Kirsty Rowles
Volunteering Projects Manager: Vixie Barker-Williams and Rebecca Hoskins
Volunteer Recruitment and Office Support Worker Sian Davies and Tanyaradzwa Chambati
Project Worker: Megan Griffiths
Finance Officer: Vimbainashe Mutasa

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

- Non-Student Trustees shall be elected at the AGM for a three-year period, in accordance with the procedure for the AGM. They may stand for re-election.
- Student Trustees are elected each year at the AGM by members of the organisation, in accordance with the procedure for the AGM, they may also stand for re-election.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Trustees are invited to a weekend of training. This training includes roles and responsibilities, team building, sub groups work and strategic planning sessions. On-going support is offered through regular meetings. Trustee training opportunities provided by Swansea Council for Voluntary Service and Wales Council for Voluntary Action are routinely offered to our trustees.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty in relation to section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Risk Management

The Trustees have carried out a review of the major risks to the organisation and believe that the level of reserves policy is sufficient to cover adverse conditions that the organisation may face. The organisation has in place financial, personnel, and health and safety controls to limit the likelihood and impact of risks. All events and activities are risk assessed prior to commencement. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are carried out on all appropriate staff and volunteer roles. The Board of Trustees actively monitor the financial position.

Our fundraising promise

Discovery is a member of the Fundraising Standards Board self-regulatory scheme. The Fundraising Standards Board works to ensure that organisations raising money from the public do so honestly and properly. As a member of the scheme, we follow the Institute and Fundraiser's Codes of Fundraising Practice, and comply with the key principles embodied in the Codes and in the Promise. Further details can be found at www.frsb.org.uk.

Our achievements

2021 to 2022 has been a challenging year for Discovery in so many ways, despite this we have maintained a wide range of high-quality volunteering and ensured that students have meaningful ways to support the community.

Once again, we would prefer that so much resilience was not necessary but given that it is, we are incredibly proud of the way every person in Discovery has risen to the challenge.

All of our projects are supported by our core grant from Swansea University and our own fundraising activities. We have been extremely fortunate to have been awarded funding by other grant making organisations; these are noted within the relevant projects.

Financial Review

This has been another successful year for Discovery; we have received grants from new funders as well as maintaining relationships with long term funders, demonstrating that we continue to offer a high quality provision and to be highly trusted organisation. We have continued to generate a good level of our own income through fundraising events and activities.

Our total income has increased to £185,206 (2021 - £173,256). Our main source of funding are grants, which were higher than last year, at £182,285 (2021 - £168,719). Our main grant provider is Swansea University, but we also receive significant support from Volunteering in Wales.

Our running costs have increased this year by an overall £9,178. As lockdown restrictions have lifted, we have been able to move away from mainly online activities and begin projects in person.

By the end of the year, we had reported a surplus of £3,790, compared to a surplus of £1,018 last year.

At 31st July 2022, we had total net assets of £146,663 (2021 - £142,873) and £141,250 held as cash in the bank and in hand. Our restricted funds were £19,859 (2021 - £15,808).

Reserves policy

The reserves policy addresses the difficulty of securing unrestricted funds in the current climate and over the coming year we will aim to keep sufficient reserves to cover 9 months of expenditure, approximately £135,000. The reserves are maintained to cover unplanned expenditure and/or a shortfall in planned income.

At the end of the financial year ended 31 July 2022 unrestricted funds were £126,804, representing a shortfall of targeted reserve levels of £8,196.

Student Volunteer Progressions

One of our proudest achievements is the significant impact volunteering with us has on any student's time while they are at university. We know that impact travels with them through their future life and career. The accounts below come from Morgan and Lizzie.

Lizzie was referred to us by Go Wales, who aim to help students get some of their very first work experience opportunities. This is her account of how volunteering with us has helped her forge an amazing career that she loves, through which she is continuing to make a positive difference to the community. Morgan responded to a Discovery advert as a post grad student and found a way of working that allowed him to use his strengths and skills in an inclusive and supportive environment. This has stayed with him and now enables him to support other autistic students to thrive.

Discovery SVS has had a huge impact on my graduate life. Not only did I undertake a graduate role as their Volunteer Recruitment Officer immediately after completing my MSc in Abnormal & Clinical Psychology, the experiences and skills I learnt from the organisation led me to secure roles within the Department for Work & Pensions as a work coach and my current role as Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner NHS England.

Psychology can be a difficult field to find work in and a lot of opportunities depend on you having a wide range of experience in order to be successful. This was something I was worried about coming towards the end of my undergraduate degree and through the Go Wales Programme secured a 3 day placement to work on the Supported Volunteer Scheme, a project aimed to supported disabled adults develop confidence, practical life skills and improve wellbeing. 3 days turned into 2 and a half years of opportunities including volunteering on multiple projects, being a project coordinator, trustee and researcher. More often than not I use examples from my time at Discovery in interviews and I strongly believe I would not have been as successful in a professional capacity without Discovery SVS.

The wide range of roles within Discovery allowed me to gather lots of different experiences working primarily with disabled adults and young people in the local youth group. As a project co-ordinator I was able to organise and run social activities based on the NHS 5 Ways to Wellbeing which helped me become more aware of how different people like to manage their wellbeing and self-care. This leadership role also helped me develop my leadership style to be more inclusive and involve people from a wide range of backgrounds and abilities to achieve goals and targets, something that is crucial in my current role within the NHS mental health services. My time as student chair of the trustee board has helped me understand how organisations operate and what is required to make a charity successful. It also helped me connect to my local community and senior leaders within the university. One of my proudest achievements in this role was meeting with the new Vice Chancellor to promote Discovery and demonstrate the benefits volunteering can have for students.

I have contributed to research looking to improve opportunities for disabled adults, taking a lead in an evaluation of the Supported Volunteer Scheme. I was able to interview service users, student volunteers and parents/carers and learn about the impact volunteering alongside Discovery has had for all of these groups. When talking to the students, it was rewarding to hear the countless stories of student volunteers like myself who felt isolated and worried about their futures connect with people in their community they wouldn't ordinarily get the chance to meet as well as gain valuable experience and skills such as communication, project management and organisation. I have been able to gain confidence in my abilities and develop resilience during tough times such as through the pandemic. I am now able to advocate for myself and others I am supporting as a Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner. Whilst working as a work coach for the DWP, I took a specialist interest in supporting claimants with disabilities or mental health difficulties. I was able to share my knowledge and skills on how to support others effectively and advocate for some of the most vulnerable in society.

My time at Discovery helped develop my passion for supporting others and increasing awareness around mental health. The different experiences and projects I volunteered on helped me identify what I wanted from my future career. I now work in an exceptional team who are passionate about mental health and supporting others. 2 years since leaving my volunteer role I still talk about my experiences and the positive impact Discovery have had on my life in a professional and personal capacity. Not only that, Discovery has helped me create a group of lifelong friends. The benefit Discovery has on students and their future employability is invaluable.

Lizzie Alcock
Trainee Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner NHS

I returned to university for a Master's program in 2014, in part to continue study but mostly due to feeling lost after my first degree. I had worked hard through school and university doing everything my institutions had told me were the right things to ensure my future after I graduated, so I had a lot of hope when I left university the first time. After a year out struggling to find a job – any job, not just something related to my degree – I started to feel more hopeless than anything. I became worried I wasn't cut out for employment or the world outside of university at all and fell into a period of depression and low confidence. So, I returned to university hoping another degree would help but not really having any clear idea on how.

A few weeks in, I received an email from Discovery SVS asking for volunteers on their Supported Volunteering Project – a project that matches up student volunteers with members of the community that need additional support to access volunteering. From my very first interaction with Discovery, I knew I was in the right place. After months of rejections, hearing from a friendly Discovery staff member that they would love to have me involved was such a relief. I was made to feel valued and skilled from my very first session with Discovery, the staff and fellow volunteers genuinely interested in what I had to offer and taking my opinions into account. The hours I came into the Discovery office to volunteer very quickly became the highlight of my week and I started taking on extra sessions as often as I could.

At this point in my life, I was aware that there were things I struggled with that other people generally didn't and ways I was different. Later I discovered that I was autistic but at this point in my life I just generally felt broken, like I wasn't a complete human being, and the way I had been treated in the workplace had seemed to confirm this for me. However, after a few months volunteering it became clear that Discovery was not your standard workplace. I saw volunteers, project coordinators, staff members who were different – some like me, some in other ways – who were not measured by their deficits, in fact, to Discovery, they were never deficits at all. It was seeing this that gave me the confidence to talk about my own needs. All the things about me that I had been led to believe made me unemployable were things that Discovery either viewed as great strengths or happily supported me through. I learned to expect more than simply surviving a job, I learned that there were places that existed, like Discovery, where I could thrive. Through my volunteering I was linked up with a number of work sectors I had never considered for my future before – many I hadn't even known existed. After about six months of volunteering at Discovery, an internship came up to cover managing the Supported Volunteering Project and I was encouraged by staff to apply. This was the first time I applied for a job I truly wanted and was successful. Despite the fact I was only an interim project manager, new to the role, my opinions and suggestions were encouraged and taken on board. I went on to work for, and volunteer, for Discovery in a number of roles in the years after leaving university and Discovery is still an important part of my life.

I left Discovery with the skills, knowledge and confidence that has led me to a successful career I had thought I would never have. They have not only provided references for me, they have stepped in and given me one-to-one support on interview support when I decided to get into the third sector. Years later I still use that advice at every interview. They were able to work with me to turn elements of my disability into unique strengths that have given me the edge in interviews and within the workplace. I was also able to use the confidence and knowledge I gained whilst volunteering at Discovery to advocate for adjustments that I need to thrive in the workplace, something I was never able to do before.

Volunteering at Discovery put me on a direct path to the success I currently have in life, I've gone on to work with other autistic students, to support them where I hadn't been, and I like to think I bring a little bit of the Discovery ethos into everything I do. I would say that I owe a lot to Discovery, but I know they would never accept the idea of me owing them anything. What I will say is that Discovery gave me hope, community, confidence, and the feeling of being part of a family that I will take with me wherever I go, and that I am immensely grateful for that.

Morgan Clark
Specialist ASC Practitioner & Mentor

Earlier this year we consulted our current student body on the impact their volunteering has had on them. We asked what they had hoped to achieve by volunteering, they told us:

- Help the community
- Improve my CV
- New contacts and experience.
- Boost employability,
- Meet people and make friends
- Learn more about Swansea
- Make a difference
- Too help me to learn new skills
- Try something different
- Meet like-minded people
- Gain some confidence
- Improve my wellbeing.
- Expand my professional network
- Making someone feel better/less lonely
- Getting experience in areas that I enjoy.
- Have fun at Uni
- Spend more of my time proactively whilst at Uni doing something I really enjoyed
- Feel more integrated withing the Swansea community
- Improve my communication skill.
- Boost my employability, make friends and help others

We asked to what extent those hopes had been realised through their volunteering and 11% said a little, 23% said quite a lot and 66% said a lot.

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Age Cymru
Volunteers support a vulnerable older person by having a 30 minute phone call each week

STAR Society
Supported By Austin Bailey Foundation
Providing support to refugees and asylum seekers in Swansea at a thriving community project, Unity in Diversity

CONNECT
In partnership with the University wellbeing service
Connect recruit, train and support a large team of peer mentors called Connectors. Students who may be struggling with mental health and wellbeing can book some peer support with a Connector through their website

ELTS
In partnership with Swansea University English Language Training Service.
This project aims to provide English Language teaching and training

NHS Packs
This project aims to provide regular activity packs that can be printed by NHS ward staff and given to a patient to do in bed without support. Volunteers design and put the activity packs together creating simple things such as puzzles, short stories, etc.

CONNECT Groups
This project aims to provide mental health awareness to students throughout campaigns and events.

Supported Volunteering Scheme
Supported by Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme and WCVA
One-to-one support with a disabled adult on a weekly basis, talking on the phone or over Zoom or meeting in person to go for a coffee or a walk, and there will be a focus on integrating volunteering activities into these meetings.

Inside story
A pilot project where medical school students deliver health workshops in Swansea Prison

Age Exchange
Supported by Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme, Transformation Fund.
Regular social visits to care homes

Interact – Practical projects

Digital Media
This project aims to create opportunities for volunteers to support Discovery in making digital media content such as blogs, vlogs and social media posts. Volunteers will also support the community newsletter with interviews, editing articles and content research.

The Vetch
Supported by Austin Bailey Foundation
Weekly visits to The Vetch allotments in Swansea to support community members with maintaining the site. This could include building planters, painting, weeding, etc.

Our Projects 2021 to 2022, continued

Training programmes

As well as our ongoing induction training for all new volunteers we have offered a vibrant mix of training sessions. Aimed at helping our volunteers build their skills, values and understanding of a wide range of issues that impact on their volunteering roles.

Accessible information	Learning Disability Awareness
Anti-Racism and Allyship	Look After Your Mate
Appropriate language	Modern Slavery Awareness
Autism Awareness	Non-Suicidal Self Injury and Suicide Awareness
Children's Rights	Public Speaking
Communication/conversation starters	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Awareness
County Lines Awareness	Restorative Practice
Cultural competence	Sight Loss Awareness
Digital Communities Wales carousel	STOPP - Period Poverty Awareness
Digital Marketing Carousel	Suicide and Non-Suicidal Self-Injury Awareness
Disability Awareness	Supported Volunteering Scheme
Domestic Abuse Awareness	Trans Etiquette In Your Volunteering
Effective communication with children	Welsh Skills For Volunteering
First Aid	Working with Older People
Homelessness	
Image and Performance enhancing drugs	
Impact of Poverty	

One off volunteering
Supported by SEA, Youth Bank, Austin Bailey Foundation

This year has seen a significant increase in our one-off volunteering, where students can drop in as they please, some choosing it as a very low commitment volunteering with maximum flexibility and others using it to diversify and vary their volunteering experience. These sessions have also allowed us to work with a wider range of community groups and charities. Over 60 sessions were held, including;

- 14 litter picks - stretching from Three Cliffs Bay to Port Talbot.
- 8 session making cards, letters and positive messages for people in need of support including isolated older people, disabled young people and newly arrived asylum seekers.
- 8 gardening session including hospitals, schools care homes and animal rescue centres
- 3 sessions making Twiddle mitts, occupational therapy tools used to help people with dementia.
- Slime making workshop at a local primary school,
- Collecting and packing Christmas gifts for Age Cymru
- Collecting food donations for local food banks
- A Chinese New Year workshop in a local SEN school
- Pond Clean in Rosehill Quarry.

Funders

We are incredibly grateful to all our funders for continuing to support us:

- Swansea University
- Children in Need
- WCVA
- Welsh Government
- The Austin Bailey Foundation
- Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme
- Swansea University pay roll giving
- Swansea Employability Academy (SEA)
- Youth Bank
- Individual supporters

Future Developments

We hope and expect that the next year will enable us to continue to rebuild our face to face work. We will always keep new elements of virtual and online volunteering, training and support for our volunteers as we can see how this makes what we do so much more accessible and flexible.

The aftermath of lockdowns and the growing climate crisis and cost of living crisis are having a significant impact on all students and we see this reflected on our volunteers so our support of them, and our staff team will remain central going forward.

We aim to make volunteering rewarding and create volunteering opportunities that improve wellbeing as well as making a significant difference to the community around us. We will continue consulting with our volunteers and the people we support to make sure that we are doing this in the best way we can.

We have invested in a new digital platform that makes it easier for students to sign up for volunteering opportunities and makes the whole process smoother for external charities who wish to recruit volunteer through us.

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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the statements on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation;
- state whether the financial reporting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed unexplained in the accounts, and
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Insofar as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant accounting information of which the charity's Accountants and Independent Examiners are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the independent examiners are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

S Impey- Trustee Sian Impey

R Thomas-Colins - Trustee RTC

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 July 2022.

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.

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts 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.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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 contents of accounts set out in the Charities Act (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.

Rachel Doyle ACA FCCA
for and on behalf of MHA
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
MHA
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Swansea Enterprise Park
Swansea
SA7 9FG

Date:

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	2	133,840	50,250	184,090
Charitable activities	3	244	40	284
Other trading activities	4	313	-	313
Investment income	5	519	-	519
Total		134,916	50,290	185,206
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activity costs	6	137,474	43,942	181,416
Total		137,474	43,942	181,416
NET INCOME		(2,558)	6,348	3,790
Net transfers between funds		2,297	(2,297)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(261)	4,051	3,790
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		127,065	15,808	142,873
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	126,804	19,859	146,663

The notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

PRIOR YEAR COMPARATIVES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	2	130,464	40,017	170,481
Charitable activities	3	625	180	805
Other trading activities	4	44	1,402	1,446
Investment income	5	524	-	524
Total		131,657	41,599	173,256
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activity costs	6	134,649	37,589	172,238
Total		134,649	37,589	172,238
NET INCOME		(2,992)	4,010	1,018
Net transfers between funds		-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(2,992)	4,010	1,018
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		130,057	11,798	141,855
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	127,065	15,808	142,873

The notes form part of these financial statements

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 JULY 2022

	Notes	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	10,362	16,942
Cash at bank and in hand		141,250	133,831
		151,612	150,773
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(4,949)	(7,900)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		146,663	142,873
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		146,663	142,873
NET ASSETS		146,663	142,873
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	14	126,804	127,065
Restricted funds		19,859	15,808
TOTAL FUNDS		146,663	142,873

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

R Thomas-Collins – Trustee RTC

S Impey - Trustee Sian Impey

The notes form part of these financial statements

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

Statutory information

Discovery Student Volunteering Swansea is an unincorporated trust, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The registered number is 256146 and principal address is as Fulton House, Swansea University, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP.

The functional and presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£) and balances are rounded to the nearest £1.

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

A significant proportion of the charity's income is by way of grant funding. The charity is reliant upon the continuing support of its grant funders. The trustees have responded to this risk by ensuring that cash reserves are maintained in order to cover a sufficient period so that the charity can meet ongoing running costs and any staff redundancy costs.

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and accordingly adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are recognised when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource. In the event that grant income is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised in full until either those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity.

Gift Aid reclaims

Income from tax reclaims are recognised in the same period as the gift or donation to which they relate.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES. Continued

Gifts in kind
Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised, if such gifts are subsequently disposed of or realised.

Donated services or facilities
Such amounts are recognised as incoming resources and resources expended when the benefit to the charity can be reasonably quantified or measured and is considered material to the charity except in the case of volunteers where these have been disclosed in a note to the accounts.

Investment income
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.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is allocated between expenditure incurred directly in an effort to raise funds, expenditure incurred directly in the fulfilment of the charity's objectives and expenditure incurred in the management and administration of the charity (governance costs and support costs).

Allocation of support and governance costs
Governance costs comprise of all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees together with support costs. Due to the nature of the operations of the charity it was not considered appropriate to allocate expenditure on activities.

Charitable activities
Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are only capitalised if they have a value exceeding £1,000 and can be used by the charity for more than one year. Motor vehicles will always be capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off their cost less any residual value over their estimated useful life.

Motor vehicles	- 15% on reducing balance

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of expenditure for which it was incurred.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, wish to create a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES. Continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments
The charity has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations	1,805	-	1,805	1,762
Grants	132,035	50,250	182,285	168.719
	133,840	50,250	184,090	170,481

Grants	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 Total Fund £	2021 Total Fund £
BBC Children In Need	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Swansea University	132,035	-	132,035	129,000
Volunteering in Wales	-	14,796	14,796	16,694
Changing for the Better	-	9,392	9,392	9,392
SEA WOW	-	11,682	11,682	1,333
Austin Bailey Foundation	-	2,500	2,500	2,000
Alpkit Foundation	-	-	-	300
Swansea Youth Bank	-	1.880	1,880	-
	132,035	50,250	182,285	168,719

3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Fund raising	244	-	244	625
SSP Scholarship	-	40	40	180
	244	40	284	805

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Student Volunteering Activities	255	-	255	44
Non Project Specific Income	58	-	58	1,402
	313	-	313	1,446

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	519	524

6 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Salaries, NI & pensions	121,136	34,283	155,419	139,355
Reimbursed expenditure	-	970	970	2,819
Activities	93	3,161	3,254	9,566
Travel and subsistence	598	60	658	443
Dues and subscriptions	782	-	782	2,428
Staff training	1,820	1,326	3,146	1,210
Resources	550	432	982	426
Refreshments	455	68	523	404
Telephone	420	30	450	476
Other costs	5,442	3,612	9,054	8,677
Total	131,296	43,942	175,238	165,803
Support costs	360	-	360	810
Governance costs	5,818	-	5,818	5,625
	137,474	43,942	181,416	172,238

7 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2022 nor for the year ended 31 July 2021.

7 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS, continued

Trustees' expenses

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	31	65

Trustees' expenses reimbursed related to 1 trustee within the year. The reimbursed expenses related to postage costs.

8 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy & payroll fees	3,648	-	3,648	3,379
Insurance	2,086	-	2,086	2,181
Bank charges	84	-	84	64
Total	5,818	-	5,818	5,625

9 STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and social security	150,175	133,494
Pension scheme contributions	5,244	5,861
	155,419	139,355

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2022	2021
9	8

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Key management personnel
Key management personnel are considered to be those personnel who are not trustees but sit within key operational and strategic roles. The total costs of the key management personnel were £38,669 (2021: £37,672).

10 VOLUNTEERS

The value of volunteers' time given within the year is estimated with reference to the recorded number of volunteer hours multiplied by the estimated hourly rate that an employee would have been paid for carrying out the service. The quantified benefit to the charity for volunteers' time was £87,160 (2021: £97,192), given that 8,070 (2021: 9,368) hours were recorded. This amount has not been recognised in the accounts.

11 ACCOUNTANT'S REMUNERATION

Accountancy fees in relation to the independent examination, included within charitable activity costs, were £2,640 (2021: £2,500).

12 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	8,767	16,942
Other debtors	1,595	-
	10,362	16,942

13 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	588	254
Taxation and social security	819	463
Accruals	2,928	2,736
Deferred income	614	4,447
	4,949	7,900

14 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01/08/21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31/07/22 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	127,065	134,916	(137,474)	2,297	126,804
	127,065	134,916	(137,474)	2,297	126,804
Restricted funds					
Inspire	1,623	11,880	(10,400)	-	3,103
International	3,026	40	(970)	-	2,096
Involve	8,584	35,870	(31,482)	(2,333)	10,639
Interact	(36)	-	-	36	-
Non-Project Specific	2,611	2,500	(1,090)	-	4,021
Total restricted funds	15,808	50,290	(43,942)	(2,297)	19,859
Total funds	142,873	185,206	(181,416)	-	146,663

14 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

	At 01/08/20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31/07/21 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	130,057	131,657	(134,649)	-	127,065
	130,057	131,657	(134,649)	-	127,065
Restricted funds					
Inspire	-	10,667	(9,044)	-	1,623
International	5,736	220	(2,930)	-	3,026
Involve	4,942	26,086	(22,444)	-	8,584
Interact	-	966	(1,002)	-	(36)
Non-Project Specific	1,120	3,660	(2,169)		2,611
Total restricted funds	11,798	41,599	(37,589)	-	15,808
Total funds	141,855	173,256	(172,238)	-	142,873

The purpose for which the above restricted funds are held are described in detail in the trustees report.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	131,139	20,473	151,612
Current liabilities	(4,335)	(614)	(4,949)
Total net assets	126,804	19,859	146,663

DISCOVERSVS

England & Wales - Charity number 256146

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 256146

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 FOR

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

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DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

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Discovery
Our Year In Pictures



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
Eleanor Norton

This has been another remarkable year. We knew it would bring challenges but did not expect to spend the whole year working from home with the majority of our projects virtual, online via phone or post or outdoors. As ever, the commitment and determination of our student volunteers to be of use to the community around them has been incredibly impressive. Our staff team have innovated massively and worked incredibly hard to ensure that a wide range of opportunities have remained available and that our students can still offer their time and skills to the community. This has meant taking on brand new areas of work as well as adapting many we already do. We have been consulting with our partners and student volunteers throughout the year to ensure that we are doing the best we can with our resources.

Feedback from students has told us that this year more than ever, the mental health benefits, sense of connection, purpose and chance to meet and work with others that volunteering with us provides, has been incredibly valuable and important to them. We are so grateful that they have stuck with us and risen to this challenge.

We were delighted to receive a Navy plaque celebrating the journeys of two of our dedicated volunteers, both of whom used their Discovery experiences to go on to careers in public service. I hope that the next academic year will allow us to move back to our usual way of working but I know that we will take many lessons and new practices with us as well as the certainty that our organisation is resilient and adaptable, whatever faces us.

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT PRESIDENT

Emma Burton

Starting my Discovery journey as a service user and then a volunteer 3 years ago, I was able to work myself up through leadership roles and became student president this year. It has been a trialling year due to Covid-19, but Discovery has adapted and continued to provide support to those in need and I personally wouldn't have got through lockdown without it. I have always felt at home in Discovery, accepted for who I am, and the support and encouragement from staff and other volunteers has been phenomenal.

Discovery has allowed me to build my confidence and other personal skills, which has benefited me in all aspects of my life. I have undertaken training and gained experience, which has significantly improved my employability, and the opportunity to undertake leadership roles and develop these skills has helped me in my post-graduate application and made my dream career prospects a reality.

Being student president has meant I was involved in managing a team, learning about and running the charity, and helping to run interviews and recruit new staff members. This is truly a unique experience as a university student that I know will aid me through the rest of my life.

Fulfilling the role as Discovery SVS Student President in 2021 has been a once in a lifetime opportunity that I will never forget. I have had the privilege of working alongside some amazing staff members as well as the Board of Trustees and I couldn't thank them more for all their hard work and support throughout this uncertain time.

To all Discovery staff, trustees, and volunteers, thank you so much for all your dedication and for welcoming me into the Discovery family. I have made friendships and memories for life and can't imagine my time at university without it. Discovery SVS is at the heart of the community and university life, and I couldn't be prouder to be a part of its history.

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

Who we are

Discovery is a registered charity that has been established since 1966. This year, 556 student volunteers logged 9,368 hours of support to the community, we estimate the financial value of this support at £97,192 but recognise that the impacts, connections and relationships far exceed this value. We also recognise that the huge range of skills and experiences gained by our student volunteers are of huge value and will stand them in excellent stead in their future lives as well as greatly enhancing their student experience. Our organisation envisages a community where people are treated like equals and are not discriminated against or disadvantaged by society.

Discovery focuses on providing the best possible service to the people who we work with in Swansea, so we need skilled, trained, and enthusiastic volunteers.

Discovery aims to:

- Enrich the lives of the people in Swansea in order to fulfil their potential as empowered individuals and as members of groups and communities.
- Offer new experiences and opportunities through a broad range of student-led activities in the community, leading to increased mutual understanding and equality.
- Actively support students to be aware of their personal development and the impact upon themselves and the lives of others through their involvement in the community-based activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Discovery is a registered charity and is governed by a constitution adopted on the 13th June 1969, amended on the 6th December 1979, 4th May, 15th June 1993, 16th February 1998, 15th February 2001, 8th June 2005, Feb 2007, March 2011, March 2015 and December 2019. The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Objectives and aims

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in the City and County of Swansea and surrounding areas, in particular the advancement of education, the furtherance of health and the relief of poverty, distress, and sickness.

Within the limitation of the above, to promote the following main areas:

- To encourage co-operation between voluntary groups, the statutory authorities, and individuals in the service of the community.
- To foster the ideal of voluntary/community service particularly amongst young people, by providing guidance and opportunities for personal development; learning and developing skills as well as participation in wide aspects of voluntary/community in wide aspects of voluntary/community involvement.
- To focus the attention of individuals connected with, as well as the institution of Swansea University and the community at large, onto social problems, with a view to creating a sense of individual responsibility and personal participation in remedying those problems.

Organisational structure
The Board of Trustees, made up of Student Trustees and Non-Student Trustees, appoints the staff of the organisation and oversees the operation of the organisation.

Discovery's staff members for the year ended 31st July 2021 were as follows:

Director: Eleanor Norton
Supported Volunteering Scheme Project Manager: Kirsty Rowles
Volunteering Projects Manager: Vixie Barker-Williams and Rebecca Hoskins
Volunteer Recruitment and Office Support Worker Sian Davies
Project Worker: Ben Hyde
Finance Officer: Merlot Huyen

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees
- Non-Student Trustees shall be elected at the AGM for a three-year period, in accordance with the procedure for the AGM. They may stand for re-election.
- Student Trustees are elected each year at the AGM by members of the organisation, in accordance with the procedure for the AGM, they may also stand for re-election.

Induction and training of new Trustees
Trustees are invited to a weekend of training. This training includes roles and responsibilities, team building, sub groups work and strategic planning sessions. On-going support is offered through regular meetings. Trustee training opportunities provided by Swansea Council for Voluntary Service and Wales Council for Voluntary Action are routinely offered to our trustees.

Public benefit
The Trustees have complied with their duty in relation to section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Risk Management
The Trustees have carried out a review of the major risks to the organisation and believe that the level of reserves policy is sufficient to cover adverse conditions that the organisation may face. The organisation has in place financial, personnel, and health and safety controls to limit the likelihood and impact of risks. All events and activities are risk assessed prior to commencement. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are carried out on all appropriate staff and volunteer roles. The Board of Trustees actively monitor the financial position.

Our fundraising promise
Discovery is a member of the Fundraising Standards Board self-regulatory scheme. The Fundraising Standards Board works to ensure that organisations raising money from the public do so honestly and properly. As a member of the scheme, we follow the Institute and Fundraiser's Codes of Fundraising Practice, and comply with the key principles embodied in the Codes and in the Promise. Further details can be found at www.frsb.org.uk.

Financial Review

Our total income has increased to £173,256 (2020 - £156,162). Our main source of funding are grants, which were slightly higher than last year, at £168,719 (2020 - £145,724). Our main grant provider is Swansea University, but we also receive significant support from WCVA and Volunteering in Wales. Our Children in Need grant ended but we have been successful in retendering for a new grant, with the related project starting in January 2021.

The Swansea Air Show did not take place in 2021 due to the restrictions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic also restricted our Siavonga project, so no travel to Siavonga was possible this year.

Our running costs have decreased this year by an overall £12,716. There have been cost savings in various areas as a result of the pandemic and restrictions; for example, travel costs have reduced by £2,702 and the costs relating to the Siavonga project reduced by £7,498.

By the end of the year, we had reported a surplus of £1,018, compared to a deficit of £28,792 last year.

At 31st July 2021, we had total net assets of £142,873 (2020 - £141,855) and £133,831 held as cash in the bank and in hand. Our restricted funds were £15,808 (2020 - £11,798).

Reserves policy

The reserves policy addresses the difficulty of securing unrestricted funds in the current climate and over the coming year we will aim to keep sufficient reserves to cover 9 months of expenditure, approximately. £130,000. The reserves are maintained to cover unplanned expenditure and/or a shortfall in planned income.

At the end of the financial year ended 31 July 2021 unrestricted funds were £127,065, representing a shortfall of targeted reserve levels of £2,935.

Our year in quotes

I was initially drawn to Discovery's PC roles as they provided an opportunity to enhance my CV whilst giving back to the community. Though I did not feel confident in my abilities at first, with the help and encouragement of the team, I was able to step out of my comfort zone to take on a leadership role – a feat that seemed impossible at the start of my journey! Acting as a PC was such a valuable experience to me as it gave me first-hand experience of co-ordinating a project, as well as a direct insight into the charity sector. Using the skills and experience gained from my PC role, I have since gone on to gain employment as a Volunteer Co-ordinator with a local charity. I would encourage anyone interested in applying to get involved!

He smiled when he got the pack – the fact it was hand-delivered and was covered in stickers was so thoughtful! The information included was really helpful and relevant – I particularly found this useful and there were links to things I wasn't aware of. The activities were lovely and we used them as a family which was lovely. The scratch art in particular was a big hit. The instructions were great and easy to follow too.

I just thought it was amazing that students wanted to take the time to support people in this way voluntarily. It has been such a difficult year for everyone and to see people reaching out to each other is so lovely. It's too easy to focus on yourself sometimes.

I'm passionate about kindness. The little things people do that can make a huge difference to someone else. Sometimes you may never know just how big a difference you made to someone writing to my boy, such a warm, engaging and positive letter meant the world to us and to him. Seeing him smile (we don't see this often) was just beautiful. I strongly suspect he spends most of his life being ignored at best, and verbally put down at worst, by the majority of the people he encounters due to his ASD and the difficulties he has.

I'm so grateful that there are groups of people that care enough to help families like us. The monthly packs, the ideas for things to do, the letters...all these things, and the thought behind them, will make the world a little less lonely for us, as well as him.

Throughout the time Discovery has been involved with Vetch Community Garden, we have achieved so much, the building of new raised beds/assisting our older members to maintain their growing space/painting garden furniture and the list goes on! We hope the volunteers in turn benefit from their time with us, I was pleased to discover as a Governor for our local primary school, a past volunteer had recently joined our teaching staff. We have also transformed a small area into our Rainbow Garden, where members will be able to have a quiet space to sit and relax.

We absolutely loved this book!! Beautiful story and beautiful pictures. From a grown up/parent's point of view; it's a lovely opportunity to talk with children about how we have felt through the pandemic good and bad. As well as a welcome reminder of the positives like extra family time, especially the time with our animals. Amazing, it's so cute and well thought about. Thank you! (She gave it 6/5 stars)

I have enjoyed every part of being a Building Blocks volunteer and would love to be involved again! Being able to provide children in need with materials and guidance on how they can use their creativity was a great project to be involved with in these hard times. Seeing the end product was very rewarding and also the smiles on the children's faces when they received the packages was such a lovely experience. It showed that all our hard work was for a good cause and made a difference. Can't wait for all the exciting things Building Blocks has planned in the future! It was also lovely getting to know everyone on the team and making new friends!

We wanted to say a huge thank you for the pack that was delivered a few weeks ago. We are working through it slowly as a family…but the contents were perfect. We loved the bird feeder, volcano and game the very best and we are looking forward to a frisbee session in the park when the weather improves!

Our year in quotes, continued

We were having a really difficult time as a family when it was delivered and I must admit I broke down when I saw it. Just knowing that someone out there cares enough to take the time to put such a thoughtful gift together and then deliver it to us made such an impact. Please pass on my deepest thanks to all involved in the project. The impact of what you are doing goes beyond what I can express in words.

The things I have gained through volunteering with Discovery SVS had surpassed all my hopes and expectations. However, the most important thing I gained through this experience was that I discovered my passion in life, which has shaped the direction of my career path. I'm so grateful I found out about Discovery SVS and am amazed at how a comparatively small charity makes such a big difference to the community and lives of students at Swansea University.

Volunteering at Discovery massively shaped my university experience. Prior to volunteering I felt quite lost at uni with a few friends. Discovery created a second family and introduced me to a wide range of people who are now some of my closest friends. The lessons I've learnt from being a part of Discovery have improved my well-being, increased my employability and helped me identify what I want to achieve in both my personal and professional life.

Our year in numbers

At least **9368** hours of volunteering
556 active volunteers
23 Student Project coordinators trained and leading projects
67 Different project meetings or socials
111 activities have taken place on projects with volunteers (includes virtual lounges, fundraising campaign, chilli planting competition, digital support sessions, zoom sessions, building challenge weeks, volunteer packing days, diary archiving and 1-2-1 support from volunteers)
59 Building challenges and virtual activities for children made by volunteers and sent out to families
31 videos made for community members (story time, children's activities and digital support videos)
3 newsletters produced (Digital Media community newsletter, GO! Team international students' newsletter & Surfability volunteer newsletter)
96 treat and activity packs, reading packs and NHS pack
80 Penpal letters exchanged
150 positive postcards for NHS workers
93 new referrals from the community to our student led projects
226 community member contacts across projects
14 Age Cymru befrienders doing phone calls
42 staff and student volunteers offering Covid support to isolating or shielding students
120 Personalised care packages sent to disabled adults
187 Phone call/Zoom support sessions with disabled adults
60 treat packs and books delivered to children
20 Ambassadors trained to promote Discovery to other students and support our induction process
19 pairs on regular weekly supported volunteering phone or video calls

Our Projects 2020 to 2021

Involve

Supported by Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme Via Swansea Council for Voluntary Service, Volunteering in Wales Fund and Voluntary Services Emergency Fund, Welsh Government, via Welsh Council for Voluntary Action. Austin Bailey Foundation and Community@Campus life Community Fund.

Active18
Weekly social activities for adults with additional needs held over zoom
Supported Volunteering Scheme
Provide one to one support to a disabled adult to enable them to volunteers, via zoom and the phone during lockdowns
Food Swansea
Creating wellbeing activity packs for isolated adults
Gadget Explorers
Provide support to local carers to practice basic online tasks such as video calling a friend or ordering their food shop

Interact including One offs and Litter picks

Supported by Austin Bailey foundation, Alpkit, Community@Campus life Community Fund

Digital Media
Write community newsletters, working with the Local area co-ordinators and support and enhance Discovery media with articles, vlogs, blogs and social media content
Fundraising
Fundraising activities for Discovery and its partners
Penpal
Share positivity and connect with others through writing a one-off message or be part of an ongoing letter exchange with an adult or young person
20 different one-off volunteering events and activities
Some taking place outside and others virtually, over 250 engagements with this type of volunteering.
Funding form Community@Campus life and Alpkit enabled us to send litter picks to individual students nda community members, meaning that they were able to undertake picks even in the strictest lockdowns as part of their permitted daily exercise.

Inspire

Supported by Children in Need

Buddied Reading
Supporting children with their literacy during lockdown by sending out personalised reading packs
Inspire Packs
Creating weekly digital activities and monthly wellbeing activity packs for children aged 8-12 years old
Building Blocks
Monthly creative building activities, created by volunteers for children shared via social media

Partner projects

Connect in partnership with the Wellbeing Service
Provide peer support around mental health to students, phone calls and zoom calls then face to face meetings
Covid student support in partnership with the Wellbeing Service and Mi UNi Hub

Our Projects 2020 to 2021, continued

One off shopping or prescription collection and drop offs to students who are shielding or self-isolating (students and staff were also signposted to the Local Area co-ordination networks to participate in community support)
Wellbeing Champions in partnership with the Wellbeing Service
Lead and support awareness events and activities that promote positive wellbeing and run listening services for other students
Egypt Centre Support school trips and community visits to Egypt Centre online and in person
ELTS - English Language Training Services
Support English language classes within the University
EYST
Provide online homework support through 1-2-1's on Zoom
Vetch Project
Support a local allotment and community garden with maintenance, planting and building, during lockdown this group took part in growing challenges
GO! Team
Provide peer support for international students through events and socials
Surfability
Support local surf lessons for children with and without disabilities
Age Cymru - **Befriender Project**
Support a vulnerable older person by having a 30-minute phone call each week

Training programme

Once again, we offered a comprehensive training programme, ensuring that our volunteers could undertake their roles safely but also develop their skills and strengths and understanding of the world.

One off volunteering
24 one off opportunities were offered throughout the year and 47 individual students got involved.

Staff volunteering
Swansea University's staff volunteering scheme, has grown this year with more individual and teams contacting us to arrange session. This year has seen the Staff Volunteering Scheme continue to grow, with two staff teams taking part in volunteering-based team building days. Staff volunteers have been involved in a wide variety of our projects, including Active 18, Age Exchange, Food Swansea and Tidy Towns.

The Coronavirus Pandemic
In March 2020, the Coronavirus Pandemic brought our projects to a dramatic stop. Our first focus was to ensure everyone's safety which meant closing our lovely, vibrant office.

We were then able to quickly regroup and work out how we could continue to engage student volunteers and to offer services to the community. Most of our partner projects paused their operations and our international trip was cancelled.

We were keen to ensure that students and staff volunteers could offer Covid specific support to the communities around them in the most effective and direct way so we partnered with Swansea Council's network of Local Area Co-ordinators, signposting student and staff volunteers to join their street networks.

Funders
We are incredibly grateful to all our funders for continuing to support us:

- Swansea University
- Children in Need
- WCVA
- Welsh Government
- The Austin Bailey Foundation
- Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme
- Swansea University pay roll giving
- Urban Tango
- Swansea University Women's Society
- Swansea University Union Branch
- Swansea Employability Academy
- Alpkit
- Individual supporters

Future Developments

Once again, we look ahead to a very different year. We expect to continue to offer a blended approach, building up face to face activities where it is safe to do so. We expect to return to in school volunteering as well as our outdoor projects. We will continue a focus on one off out door volunteering as we are aware of the massive metal health benefits of this kind of volunteering. We expect our projects where student's offer peer support to continue to grow.

We are also aware the volunteering that does not require face to face attendance can be much more accessible to some student's so we will continue to offer this type of volunteering. We have been able of include students with complex health conditions and students who have been unable to return to the UK, this level of inclusion is important to us so we expect that this type of volunteering will remain part of our offer.

Certainly, for this year we are not assuming that we are out of the wood in terms of Covid restrictions so we intend to remain agile and responsive, keeping a range of opportunities that can move between face to face and virtual as needed.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
256146

Principal address
Fulton House
Swansea University
Singleton Park
Swansea
SA2 8PP

Student Trustees

President

Jarren Coates	(To December 2020)
Emma Burton	(From December 2020)

Vice President

Caitlin McCall	(To December 2020)
Megan Griffiths	(To December 2020)
Owain Brooks	(From December 2020)

Treasurer

Arjun Mahalingham	(To December 2020)
Jasmine Clark	(From December 2020)

Secretary

Caitlin Jones	(To December 2020)
Ilze Cimdina	(From December 2020)

Non Portfolio

Amana Baig	(From December 2020)
Arjun Mahalingham	(From December 2020)
Caitlin Jones	(From December 2020)
Devarshi Ravel	(From December 2020)
Felicity McKee	(From December 2020)
Andrew Barnes	(To December 2020)
Owain Brooks	(To December 2020)
Bethan Hughes	(To December 2020)
Emma Burton	(To December 2020)
Carys Jones	(To December 2020)

Non-Student Trustees

Chair
Phil Brophy

Treasurer
Mike Buckle

Non Portfolio

Gemma Bevan	
Nanele Denle	(From December 2018)
Sian Impey	(From December 2018)

Independent examiner
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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the statements on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation;
- state whether the financial reporting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed unexplained in the accounts, and
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Insofar as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant accounting information of which the charity's Accountants and Independent Examiners are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the independent examiners are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on …….. and signed on its behalf by:

Phil Brophy - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 July 2021.

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.

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts 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.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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 contents of accounts set out in the Charities Act (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.

Rachel Doyle ACA FCCA
for and on behalf of Gerald Thomas
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Gerald Thomas
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Date:

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	2	130,464	40,017	170,481
Charitable activities	3	625	180	805
Other trading activities	4	44	1,402	1,446
Investment income	5	524	-	524
Total		131,657	41,599	173,256
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activity costs	6	134,649	37,589	172.238
Total		134,649	37,589	172,238
NET INCOME		(2,992)	4,010	1,018
Net transfers between funds		-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(2,992)	4,010	1,018
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		130,057	11,798	141,855
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	127,065	15,808	142,873

The notes form part of these financial statements

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	2	130,680	19,366	150,046
Charitable activities	3	296	300	596
Other trading activities	4	1,478	3,492	4,970
Investment income	5	550	-	550
Total		133,004	23,158	156,162
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activity costs	6	126,170	58,784	184,954
Total		126,170	58,784	184,954
NET INCOME		6,834	(35,626)	(28,792)
Net transfers between funds		1,975	(1,975)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		8,809	(37,601)	(28,792)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		121,248	49,399	170,647
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	130,057	11,798	141,855

The notes form part of these financial statements

DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING SWANSEA

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 JULY 2021

	Notes	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	16,942	176
Cash at bank and in hand		133,831	153,403
		150,773	153,579
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(7,900)	(11,724)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		142,873	141,855
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		142,873	141,855
NET ASSETS		142,873	141,855
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	14	127,065	130,057
Restricted funds		15,808	11,798
TOTAL FUNDS		142,873	141,855

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

P Brophy - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

Statutory information

Discovery Student Volunteering Swansea is an unincorporated trust, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The registered number is 256146 and principal address is as Fulton House, Swansea University, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP.

The functional and presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£) and balances are rounded to the nearest £1.

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

A significant proportion of the charity's income is by way of grant funding. The charity is reliant upon the continuing support of its grant funders. The trustees have responded to this risk by ensuring that cash reserves are maintained in order to cover a sufficient period so that the charity can meet ongoing running costs and any staff redundancy costs.

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and accordingly adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are recognised when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource. In the event that grant income is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised in full until either those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity.

Gift Aid reclaims

Income from tax reclaims are recognised in the same period as the gift or donation to which they relate.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES. Continued

Gifts in kind
Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised, if such gifts are subsequently disposed of or realised.

Donated services or facilities
Such amounts are recognised as incoming resources and resources expended when the benefit to the charity can be reasonably quantified or measured and is considered material to the charity except in the case of volunteers where these have been disclosed in a note to the accounts.

Investment income
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.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is allocated between expenditure incurred directly in an effort to raise funds, expenditure incurred directly in the fulfilment of the charity's objectives and expenditure incurred in the management and administration of the charity (governance costs and support costs).

Allocation of support and governance costs
Governance costs comprise of all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees together with support costs. Due to the nature of the operations of the charity it was not considered appropriate to allocate expenditure on activities.

Charitable activities
Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are only capitalised if they have a value exceeding £1,000 and can be used by the charity for more than one year. Motor vehicles will always be capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off their cost less any residual value over their estimated useful life.

Motor vehicles	- 15% on reducing balance

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of expenditure for which it was incurred.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, wish to create a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES. Continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments
The charity has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

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2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations	637	298	935	2,922
Gift Aid	827	-	827	1,400
Grants	129,000	39,719	168,719	145,724
	130,464	40,017	170,481	150,046

Grants	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total Fund £	2020 Total Fund £
BBC Children In Need	-	10,000	10,000	-
Swansea University	129,000	-	129,000	127,200
Volunteering in Wales	-	16,694	16,694	9,214
Changing for the Better	-	9,392	9,392	-
SEA WOW	-	1,333	1,333	-
Austin Bailey Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Alpkit Foundation	-	300	300	-
Swansea Siavonga Partnership	-	-	-	7,310
	129,000	39,719	168,719	145,724

3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Fund raising	625	-	625	346
SSP Scholarship	-	180	180	250
	625	180	805	596

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Student Volunteering Activities	44	-	44	4,970
Non Project Specific Income	-	1,402	1,402	-
	44	1,402	1,446	4,970

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	524	550

6 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Salaries, NI & pensions	113,964	25,391	139,355	144,382
Reimbursed expenditure	-	2,819	2,819	10,586
Activities	3,582	5,984	9,566	2,655
Travel and subsistence	469	(26)	443	3,145
Dues and subscriptions	2,428	-	2,428	2,414
Printing and reproduction	283	951	1,234	1,504
Staff training	1,210	-	1,210	3,527
Resources	355	71	426	1,528
Refreshments	114	290	404	1,080
Telephone	386	90	476	354
Other costs	5,575	1,868	7,443	6,971
Total	128,365	37,438	165,803	178,146
Support costs	810	-	810	1,479
Governance costs	5,474	151	5,625	5,329
	134,649	37,589	172,238	184,954

7 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2021 nor for the year ended 31 July 2020.

7 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS, continued

Trustees' expenses

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	65	390

Trustees' expenses reimbursed related to 1 trustee within the year. The reimbursed expenses related to postage costs.

8 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy & payroll fees	3,228	151	3,379	3,410
Insurance	2,181	-	2,181	1,859
Bank charges	64	-	64	60
Total	5,474	151	5,625	5,329

9 STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries and social security	133,494	138,136
Pension scheme contributions	5,861	6,246
	139,355	144,382

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2021	2020
8	7

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Key management personnel
Key management personnel are considered to be those personnel who are not trustees but sit within key operational and strategic roles. The total costs of the key management personnel were £37,672 (2020: £36,995).

10 VOLUNTEERS

The value of volunteers' time given within the year is estimated with reference to the recorded number of volunteer hours multiplied by the estimated hourly rate that an employee would have been paid for carrying out the service. The quantified benefit to the charity for volunteers' time was £97,192 (2020: £99,686), given that 9,368 (2020: 9,608) hours were recorded. This amount has not been recognised in the accounts.

11 ACCOUNTANT'S REMUNERATION

Accountancy fees in relation to the independent examination, included within charitable activity costs, were £2,500 (2020: £2,500).

12 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	16,942	176
Other debtors	-	-
	16,942	176

13 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	254	-
Taxation and social security	463	(3,683)
Accruals	2,736	2,734
Deferred income	4,447	12,673
	7,900	11,724

14 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/08/20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31/07/21 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	130,057	131,657	(134,649)	-	127,065
	130,057	131,657	(134,649)	-	127,065
Restricted funds					
Inspire	-	10,667	(9,044)	-	1,623
International	5,736	220	(2,930)	-	3,026
Involve	4.942	26,086	(22,444)	-	8,584
Interact	-	966	(1,002)	-	(36)
Non-Project Specific	1,120	3,660	(2,169)	-	2,611
Total restricted funds	11,798	41,599	(37,589)	-	15,808
Total funds	141,855	173,256	(172,238)	-	142,873

14 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

	At 1/08/19	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31/07/20
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	121,248	133,004	(126,170)	1,975	130,057
	121,248	133,004	(126,170)	1,975	130,057
Restricted funds					
Inspire	12,648	3,492	(14,471)	(1,669)	-
International	8,086	8,392	(10,742)	-	5,736
Involve	25,519	9,274	(29,545)	(306)	4,942
Interact	1,145	-	(1,145)	-	-
Non-Project Specific	2,001	2,000	(2,881)		1,120
Total restricted funds	49,399	23.158	(58,784)	(1,975)	11,798
Total funds	170,647	156,152	(184,954)	-	141,855

The purpose for which the above restricted funds are held are described in detail in the trustees report.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds
	£	**£**	**£**
Current assets	134,077	16,696	150,773
Current liabilities	(3,453)	(4,447)	(7,900)
Total net assets	130,624	12,249	142,873