

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 256146

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

**DISCOVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERING
SWANSEA**



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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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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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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.

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.

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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 Æ'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.

<p>GIATW – Give it a go week. A week of drop in opportunities early in semester one</p> <p>SVW – Student volunteer week, a week of drop in activities in Semester2, linked to the national SVW campaign.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 LIÃªn 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 Ymwbyyddiaeth Iechyd Meddwl• Destress Crafts Crefftau 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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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Dwynwenâ€™s Day Love Spoon Making Dydd Santes Dwynwen Gwneud Llwyau Caru • The Big Knit Y Cywydd Mawr • Art Cafŷ Drop-In Art Cafŷ Galw Heibio • SVW: Digital Media Workshop • SVW: The Vetch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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What our student volunteers say about one off volunteering:

One-Off	Feedback
The Vetch	<i>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.</i>
Homework Buddy Making	<i>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':)</i>
Kindness Rocks	<i>It was a cute bonding experience, I felt like a kid exploring her creative side, it was fun and it radiated kindness</i>
Love Spoon Making for St Dwynwen's Day	<i>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.</i>
RSPCA Llys Nini	<i>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.</i>
The Big Knit	<i>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.</i>

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

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Charlotte Cooke (From April 2024)

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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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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.

May 14, 2026

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

Jo Parfitt - Trustee

Miss Joanne Frances Parfitt

Charlotte Cooke – Trustee



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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
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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:



Rachel Doyle

Dated: May 14, 2026

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

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

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

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	
	<hr/> 7,034	<hr/> 7,034	
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	
	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Other trading activities	360	13,512	13,872
Interest income	-	7,529	7,529
	<hr/> 360	<hr/> 21,041	<hr/> 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
	<u>34,230</u>	<u>53,386</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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

	<i>Balance at 1 August 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 July 2024 £</i>
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 from 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