



47 Years of Service

## President's Annual Report

Dear SCOT member,

SCOT as some of you know was founded in 1977, following the aftermath of 1977 riots in Sri Lanka. SCOT has completed 47 years serving the underprivileged Tamil Speaking people of Sri Lanka as non-political organisation, we are going to have the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in November 2024.

Since the last AGM we have had General Council (G.C.) meetings every other month of the year. In addition, on alternative months we aim to have Projects subcommittee meetings where new applications are presented to this subcommittee by the Project Officer to analyse these applications and consider recommending to the G.C. for approval for funding. Close to the fund-raising events like the annual Charity Dance and the Tamil New Year Lunch and lecture, we also have SCOT Event subcommittee meetings. To improve communication between GC members we have formed a SCOT GC WhatsApp group where only SCOT matters are discussed. For many years we also have a WhatsApp group which is open for all GC members to join and contribute.

Following COVID 19 we have our committee meetings mostly virtually. This has substantially reduced the laborious travelling around by the G.C. members to the SCOT committee meetings. We have Tamil/Sinhala New Year celebrations and in the Charity Dance 'face-to-face'. In addition G.C. members have started meeting with our spouses in one of the G.C members home over a meal, at our own expense as part of a Team Building day.

SCOT focuses our charity activities on what we call our 3 Es objectives. They are the Education, Employment and Empowerment of our underprivileged Tamil speaking people in Sri Lanka. Most of our charity activities are in the North, East and Hill Country because these are the areas that were economically and infrastructurally underdeveloped due to the ethnic discrimination and decades of ethnic war. When natural disasters strike we provide emergency funding too.

At present our main educational projects are supporting the children in 3 orphanages in Batticaloa with extra tuition after school hours. In Trincomalee district in Eechalampattu village, we provide extra tuition after school to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, O/L and A/L students. Each of these projects cost £1000 or more to SCOT annually, but we are pleased to note the progress in the grades received by children in these national examinations and we are happy to report the number children entering universities have increased. This year we have supported pre-school education diploma courses in the Vavuniya university, and we are monitoring progress. Employment projects we support are well monitored via the Sri Lankan NGOs/charities we work in partnership with. SCOT is keen on supporting employment projects that are self-sustainable after one cash funding. Mostly funding is given in stages following the recipient bodies submitting reports of their progress.

Fortunately, the present Sri Lankan Government is moving towards equity among people of different ethnic, religious and regional identities and SCOT welcomes such progressive thinking in Sri Lanka. Most of us in the U.K. are blessed to escape alive the ethnic war and have established ourselves economically. The enjoyment that one receives while helping the suffering poor is something that money cannot buy. Billionaire philanthropists like Bill Gate and others have attested to that. They have said compared to acquiring things they wanted to have, helping the poor brings them the greatest satisfaction and enjoyment. I know that SCOT members do charity through different channels. I only request you to ask yourself whether you can afford to donate more when charities have fund raising activities. Encourage your children to visit our website (<https://www.scotuk.org/>), ask them to find out about the charity activities that we do and consider becoming members of SCOT. Membership fee is only £5 a month or £60 a year and the membership form can be downloaded from SCOT website.

AGM for this year will be held at the Sri Lankan Restaurant "Virundhu" (address 113 Field End Rd, Eastcote, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 1QG), on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024. We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in-person at this AGM.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Bala Anton Canagasabay

SCOT-President



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## Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People (SCOT) Project Officer's Report 2024

We are immensely grateful to our members, donors, advertisers and patrons for helping us to support our fellow Tamil speaking brothers and sisters in need.

In the face of challenges, SCOT was able to remain true to our goals, raising funds to not only aid those in emergency situations but to also invest into our ongoing missions. This has proved especially useful this year, where global economic and geopolitical events have adversely affected education and employment opportunities for the people of North and East Sri Lanka.

This year will hold a whole host of new challenges, that we look forward to meeting head on. We will continue to deliver our vision of - **Education, Employment, Empowerment and Emergency (4E's)**. It is important we harness our limited resources, have a structured approach, and focus on projects that will make a material difference for our people, to achieve maximum efficiency.

This only speaks to the strengths of SCOT, as we have once again adapted to maximise our limited resources by working in partnership with other local and overseas organisations to meet the unique demands of those in need. Only the full support and contribution from all our members and general council could have made these achievements possible. Below shows the number of families and organisations who have benefited from your invaluable support (some projects are listed below).

To name a few in the recent past, SCOT has provided.

- **Emergency:** Floor Relief at Batticaloa, Eachchilampattu, Verugal (near Trinco), Puthukudiyirup and Mallavi and SCOT supported nearly 480 families.
- **Education:** SCOT supported 30 students by working with Vani Hope local charity organisation to provide educational assistance for selected pupils from visually impaired families as well as families lining below the poverty line.
- **Employment:** Working with "LIFT" (Handloom Training and production) this project will create employment for women who are economically weak by providing six handlooms and associated equipment, tools and furniture's to the Sumitha Handloom Centre and six women will be trained and employed. At least 25,000/- per month income will be ensured for each of these women which they can earn by working only in their free time.
- **Empowerment:** SCOT delivered in partnership with Rotary club colombo port city to restore vision for 100 patients who are economically disadvantaged, visually impaired persons in the Batticaloa and Kilinochchi districts.

(A comprehensive list of projects funded by SCOT is in 2023/24the Treasurer's report).

To further deliver this positive action we need you, those who are willing to share their time and skills with SCOT for our people. From generation to generation, we have followed our journey with a dream. Become a member and become part of our community, where inter-generational ideas can be supported, enabling us to collectively make the right decision for our people. Become a sponsor of our events and promote our services for our people. The more we do, the more we can change someone's life.

Mr Jude Swampillai  
Project Officer



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Above: Handloom Training and production

Below: Green House Project at Vocational Training centre, Kumburumoolai.



Below: Cataract surgery process in Batticaloa



Above: Year 5 and below extra class in Eachchilampattu Village

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 274499

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**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 August 2024**

**AG London Consultancy Ltd**  
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# **Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People**

## **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 August 2024**

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# **Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People**

**Year ended 31 August 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



Mrs N Thiruvassagam ACMA

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Date: 24th October 2024

# Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 August 2024

		2024	2023
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£
<b>Income and endowments</b>			
Donations and legacies	4	15,223	15,223
Other trading activities	5	13,920	13,920
Investment income	6	829	829
Other income	7	2,570	2,570
<b>Total income</b>		<u>32,542</u>	<u>32,542</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Expenditure on raising funds:			
Costs of other trading activities	8	7,881	7,881
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	<u>23,547</u>	<u>23,547</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>31,428</u>	<u>25,506</u>
<b>Net income</b>		<u>1,114</u>	<u>7,768</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		1,114	7,768
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward as previously reported		59,666	59,666
Prior year adjustment		-	-
Total funds brought forward as restated		<u>59,666</u>	<u>51,898</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>60,780</u>	<u>59,666</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

# Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

## Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	17	11,416	12,613
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>49,735</u>	<u>47,293</u>
		61,151	59,906
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>371</u>	<u>240</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b><u>60,780</u></b>	<b><u>59,666</u></b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b><u>60,780</u></b>	<b><u>59,666</u></b>
 <b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds:			
Other unrestricted income funds		<u>60,780</u>	<u>59,666</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<b>60,780</b>	<b>59,666</b>
 <b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>16</b>	<b><u>60,780</u></b>	<b><u>59,666</u></b>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 24<sup>st</sup> October 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Dr A B Canagasabey

Trustee



A B Alphonsus

Treasurer



# Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

The notes on pages 5 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2024

### 1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 69 Lincoln Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 7RH.

### 2. Statement of compliance

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

### 3. Accounting policies

#### Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### Fundraising costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of advertising and staging of special fundraising events.

#### Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2024**

### **3. Accounting policies *(continued)***

#### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2024

### 4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations</b>				
Earmarked donations	2,782	<b>2,782</b>	2,260	2,260
General donations	3,115	3,115	2,880	2,880
Miscellaneous	60	60	331	331
<b>Membership</b>				
Subscriptions	<u>9,266</u>	<u>9,266</u>	<u>9,870</u>	<u>9,870</u>
	<u>15,223</u>	<u>15,223</u>	<u>15,341</u>	<u>15,341</u>

### 5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Dinner dance	6,900	<b>6,900</b>	7,450	7,450
New Year event	<u>7,020</u>	<u>7,020</u>	<u>7,255</u>	<u>7,225</u>
	<u>13,920</u>	<u>13,920</u>	<u>14,705</u>	<u>14,705</u>

### 6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	698	<b>698</b>	387	387
Other interest receivable	<u>131</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>91</u>
	<u>829</u>	<u>829</u>	<u>478</u>	<u>478</u>

### 7. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Gift Aid tax rebate	<u>2,570</u>	<u>2,570</u>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>2,750</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2024

### 8. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Dinner Dance Expenses	4,672	<b>4,672</b>	4,289	4,289
New year event	<u>3,209</u>	<b><u>3,209</u></b>	<u>5,060</u>	<u>5,060</u>
	<u>7,881</u>	<b><u>7,881</u></b>	<u>9,349</u>	<u>9,349</u>

### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Projects funding (note 11)	18,700	<b>18,700</b>	10,866	10,866
Easter Disaster Victim relief	-	-	-	-
Emergency relief	3,750	<b>4,900</b>	4,900	4,900
Support costs	<u>-</u>	<u><b>1,097</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u>391</u>
	<u>22,450</u>	<b><u>23,547</u></b>	<u>15,766</u>	<u>16,157</u>

### 10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

Activities undertaken	directly	Total funds 2024	Total fund 2023
	Support costs ££	£	£
Projects funding (note 11)	18,700 -	<b>18,700</b>	10,866
Emergency famine relief (note 12)	3,750 -	<b>3,750</b>	4,900
Governance costs	<u>1,097</u>	<u><b>1,097</b></u>	<u>391</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u><b>1,097</b></u>	<u>16,157</u>
	<u>22,450</u>	<b><u>23,547</u></b>	<u>16,157</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2024

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### Analysis of project funding

	2024 £	2023 £
Hari Children's' Home	1,500	1,000
Thilagawathiyar Mahalir Illam	1,000	1,000
Vivekananda Girls Home	1,000	1,000
One Child Foundation		350
We Can Products (Concrete Blocks Project- Mannar)		2,500
Nambikkaiyin Veedu (Sea Cucumber Project)		2,000
Caritas EHED Scholarship		491
Ooutru Valaiyulaga Kalaigergal Mantram	1,450	2,525
Humedica International Lanka – Medicinal plant	3,350	
Handloom project – Batticaloa	3,000	
Cataract Surgery- Kilinochi and Mullaitheavu via Rotary Club	4,000	
School for Differently abled Children- Valaicheni	750	
Visually Impaired Peoples Education Development	1,400	-
Green House Project-Vocational Training-Kumbrumoolai	1,250	
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b><u>18,700</u></b>	<b><u>10,866</u></b>

### 12. Emergency Famine Relief include the following:

Vivekananda Illam Vaharai /Trincomalle/Mannar	-	2,100
Tea Leaf Trust- Nuwara-Eliya/±Mulaithivu/Muthur	-	2,100
Flood relief—Batticaloa Districts- via LIFT	1,500	700
Flood relief -Puthukkudiyiruppu	- 750	-
Flood relief-Ooutru Valaiyulaga Kalaigergal Mantram	750	
Flood relief -Olirum Vaalvu Mallavi	<u>750</u>	
	<b><u>3,750</u></b>	<b><u>4,900</u></b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 13. Independent examination fee

The independent examination is an honorary work as such no fee is payable.

### 14. Staff costs

There were no employees in the charity as it is run by its trustees, as such no cost.

### 15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

### 16 Analysis of charitable funds

#### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Prior year adjustment £	At 31 August 2024 £
General funds	47,177	32,542	(31,428)	-	-	48,291
Designated Fund Kathiresan memorial Scholarship Fund	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Designated Fund English Teachers Training Project	2,489	-	-	-	-	2,489
	<u>59,666</u>	<u>32,542</u>	<u>(31,428)</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>60,780</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £	
17 Debtors			
Other debtors and prepayments	400	1,340	
Income tax recoverable	<u>11,016</u>	<u>11,273</u>	
	<u>11,416</u>	<u>12,613</u>	
18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other creditors	<u>371</u>	<u>240</u>	
19. Analysis of net assets between funds			
	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2024	2023
	£	£	£
Current assets	61,151	61,151	59,906
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(371)</u>	<u>(371)</u>	<u>(240)</u>
Net assets	<u>60,780</u>	<u>60,780</u>	<u>59,666</u>