

Vocal - Voice Of Carers Across Lothian

Scotland · Charity number SC020755

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Company (the charity is registered with Companies House)
Registered	1992-11-19
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	60 Leith Walk Edinburgh Midlothian EH6 5HB
Website	www.vocal.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of health'

What the charity does: VOCAL is run by carers, for carers since 1994, with two carer centres and locality bases in Edinburgh and Midlothian. We offer an accessible information and advice service, delivered through freephone helpline, in person support, training, peer groups, print and digital resources and e-learning programme. Interventions include financial planning and benefits, future planning, legal advice, community brokerage, counselling, therapeutic supports, social and leisure activities. In 2024-25, 6,774 carers accessed support and £2.5m was raised through income maximisation. Our Wee Breaks service supported 2,541 carers to take a short break through grants, vouchers, gifted breaks or one of VOCAL's three holiday homes. Through our cross-sector partnerships, we delivered training to 1,989 professionals and supported over 50 employers. VOCAL's separate trading subsidiary - Treasure Tree - has a focus on mobility and accessibility equipment and partnerships with occupational therapists.

Beneficiaries: 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems'

Objectives: The objects ('objects') for which the company is established are to advance the education of carers, to increase the health and welfare of carers, to relieve the poverty and distress of carers and to promote the interests of carers within Edinburgh and the Lothians area and any other part of Scotland in which the company wishes to or does carry out any of its activities from time to time.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,765,824	£3,574,507	-	65
2024-03-31	£3,930,199	£3,450,007	-	64
2023-03-31	£3,584,998	£3,314,782	-	57
2022-03-31	£3,279,053	£2,403,008	-	60
2021-03-31	£1,638,382	£1,582,108	-	55