

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their Reports and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

With effect from 27 November 2012, Garnethill Multicultural Centre has had the legal status of a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), operating under Scottish Charity Number SC022645 and is solely regulated by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Garnethill Multicultural Centre is governed by a constitution that was registered with OSCR in 2012 and amended in October 2019 with the approval of OSCR.

The organisation is managed by Trustees in line with the terms of the Constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

The management committee is the charity's trustees. Membership is open to any individual aged 16 or over who is a resident of the Garnethill area and who expresses an interest in the furtherance of the Charitable Purposes outlined below. Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting of ordinary members.

Key Management Remuneration

In the opinion of the trustees there were two members of key management, the centre manager and the communities and development manager. In the year ended 31 March 2025 total employer costs relating to this post was £51,671 (2024: £51,424).

Charitable Purpose

The objectives of the charity are:

1. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Garnethill. The area as defined by Glasgow City Council. All benefits will be without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinions. GMC will associate with local authorities, voluntary organisations, the independent sector and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare. These interests include recreation and leisure time with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants. All income generated is re-invested in the community and the facility and the organisation is non-profit distributing.
2. To secure the establishment of a multicultural community hall located in the Garnethill area and to maintain and manage such a hall for activities promoted by the organisation and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above.

Achievements and Performance

Garnethill Multicultural Centre has been a registered charitable organisation since 1989, a 36-year commitment to delivering community facilities & service delivery primarily within Garnethill & Dundasvale but covering the whole of Glasgow inner city. Over the past year, we have continued to build on our proven track record of providing a wide range of services, activities and events. As a community-led charitable organisation, we provide for the needs and aspirations identified by our proactive community owners. The community asset transfer of the Centre in 2020 from a

long term lease into community ownership has seen an even greater community interest in the Centre, with all community events, classes and activities well supported locally and often at capacity.

Increased funding and investment in the Centre over this financial year has allowed our community to build up a fresh range of activities which coexist and compliment our existing programme. The Centre continues to host: local community groups, resident & factoring groups, children's after school activities, older adults health & wellbeing activities, 3 community meals per week, 5 English classes, 6 addiction & recovery support groups, support for New Scots, refugees and asylum seekers, food Hub, cultural and support groups, various recreational and sports activities with a community health and wellbeing focus and a large variety of one-off events by other charities and cultural support groups.

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Our regular ongoing weekly activities over the last year include; Strength & Balance class, Drop-in for New Scots, Asylum Seekers & Refugees, Children's After school Art club, Chinese Opera, weekly Seniors Community Lunches, Gentle Movement Class, Tea Dances, Tae Kwon Do, Childrens Activities, 5 English ESOL classes run each week, Health Walks, AA Meetings, Capoeira, Chinese Tai Chi, Chinese Women's Association, Conversation Cafe for New Scots, Colours of Life Dance Group, Chinese Oriental Dance Group, Yoga, Children's Chess Club, Recovery Group Drama class, Food Pantry operating from the basement, Bike Repair, Period Product Hub, Recovery meetings, Litter Pick Hub, Line Dance Practice classes, Garnethill Neighbourhood Watch, Garnethill Women's Collective, Arts & Crafts for Asylum Seekers, Jitterbug Dancing, Kung Fu, Health Cooking Classes, Seniors Art Class & trips, LGBT Unity Support Group, Link Housing Surgeries, Community Lunches for New Scots, Asylum Seekers & Refugees, Garnethill Community Council, Narcotics Anonymous, Royal Scottish Country Dance Classes, Tai Chi, Climate Group, City Councillor Surgeries, Art Therapy classes, Community Film Club, Amateur Radio Club, Good Clean Fun Sober Discos, Choir, Pot Luck Community meal, plus many Society & Association monthly meetings.

As well as our regular weekly activities, we have had an additional 240 individual charitable organisations, community groups, housing associations, public bodies, residents' groups etc. book our venue for room hires and service delivery over the last year. We have also facilitated multiple weddings, funeral receptions/wakes, film location, music gig's, local election polling station, community cultural parties, ceilidhs, discos, craft fairs, magazine & book launches, financial awareness, community coding sessions, energy efficiency workshops, geocaching, Doors Open Day tours, art exhibitions, orchestra & band performances, sustainability awareness, dance shows, tool hire days, talks, community litter picking sessions, quiz nights, art exhibitions, coffee mornings, bring & buy, children's parties, NHS health awareness talks, community film nights and many fundraisers, to name but a few. Our city centre location and affordable room hire rates attract a lot of

rental enquiries, we unfortunately cannot accommodate all enquiries due to room availability, especially in the evenings when we are fully booked. We have seen an continued increase in our self-generated room hire income this year, we continue to work on this success. We look forward to bringing more useable & rentable space within the Centre as we continue to develop our capital repairs and funding project.

We are fortunate to see high numbers attend our regular weekly groups, over 1000 people per week attend the Centre. Room occupancy rates continued to grow with capacity levels still reaching 80% some months. Volunteering remains high within the Centre and the wider Garnethill community, with many residents volunteering regularly at weekly community activities and at our larger community events.

The Multicultural Centre is known within the Glasgow recovery community as the Rose Street Recovery Centre. We are the longest-serving Centre in Glasgow to offer a safe supportive space for anyone in recovery from alcohol or narcotics addiction. For 36 years, we have been dedicated to supporting our recovery community, with some of our original volunteers still attending weekly since we first opened. We take pride in helping so many Glaswegians find a positive recovery path away from addiction. However, as the number of people seeking support continues to grow, more funding is greatly needed to sustain and support all recovery groups in Glasgow.

We continue to foster great links within our local community. All voluntary organisations and residents groups operating in Garnethill have free use of our rooms for meetings and events, a great working and supportive relationship has been built up over many years with Garnethill Community Council, Garnethill Neighbourhood Watch, Friends of Garnethill Green Spaces, Garnethill Green Trail, Garnethill Climate Group & Garnethill Parents Association. With our development workers supporting the community capacity building of each of these groups. Strong partnership work within community organisations is important, as a community we value the importance of partnerships and strive hard to achieve this for the benefit of all in our community.

Our Community Health & Wellbeing team continue to focus on reducing isolation, fostering community connections, and improving the health & wellbeing of residents and service users by enabling them to participate in weekly activities and events as well as signposting and supporting them to access external opportunities, services, and information. We currently work in partnership with Glasgow University, Community Development Dept, Strathclyde University & Glasgow Caledonian University social work departments by providing supervisory supported five month placements for students. We have always aimed to foster an accessible and inclusive community environment where everyone can meet, support each other, and make life connections while sharing community skills and knowledge.

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Our Community Engagement & Development team continue to run activities/events and workshops in partnership with multiple charitable partners including; Generations Working Together, Isaro Community Trust, NHS, Community Infosource, Migrant Voice, Changeworks, The Living Solo Initiative, Glasgow Film Theater, Glasgow School of Art, North Glasgow Healthy Living Network, Wing Hong Elderly Centre, AlbScot, Zagros Kurdish Group, Glasgow Caledonian & Strathclyde University etc. Work has continued on a community City Centre Local Place Plan (LPP) working alongside three neighbouring community councils, this plan will help hopefully shape planning within the city centre. In collaboration with community councils & volunteers we undertook environmental work, improvements to derelict sites and addressed issues of graffiti, rats and flytipping. We organised community walkabouts with local MP's and City Councillors, conducted litter picks, and provided planting, planters and greening activities, all helping to create a greener Garnethill and Glasgow City Centre. Our continuing Climate Awareness Project saw us partner with SEN & Changeworks, where we continue to hold talks on energy efficiency in our homes and the impact of climate change in our community. Warm home packs and energy bill credits were gifted to low-income families.

Funding

During the year the Centre received grant support from a number of funders, including the Glasgow Community Fund (£25,448) and additional contributions from the Bank of Scotland Foundation, Paths for All, Generations Working Together, Glasgow City Council, GCVS and Glasgow Life. Income from hire fees totalled (£77,981) and a total of (£26,510) was spent on building repairs and improvements during the year.

Future Plans

Our tenement building is now 200 years old (2025), significant capital funding will be needed to continue to make our C listed heritage building wind & watertight. As our building is community owned, we seek to invest in our community owned asset and help enhance the built heritage within Glasgow City Centre as well as continuing to provide a much-needed Community Centre. Our development manager has been working alongside our management committee and appointed architects, Dress for the Weather, to finalise our building feasibility study & RIBA stage 3 design plans. We have applied to Glasgow City Council for full planning permission, when planning permission has been approved, we then hope to apply for large capital grants. The full repurposing costing reports have been completed, full renovation costs have been detailed at £1.5million. This is a significant sum, we are actively progressing our plans to implement the full renovation of a more accessible community building, which will bring 1.5 extra floors into use and more rentable & accessible spaces. Our Business Plan has also been updated to reflect the increase in room rentals & potential future income generation. Planning permission is a requirement for capital grant funders.

We thank all in our community for the continued support for our staff and volunteer teams. We look forward to the future and many more years of community support and healthy outcomes for our inner city community.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees continue to operate a reserves policy designed to protect the Centre in the event of

unexpected financial pressures and to ensure responsible financial management. A financial risk register is maintained to identify the level of reserves required to cover potential liabilities, including staffing, contractual obligations and operating costs.

Reserves are held in a designated account, and any year-end surplus not otherwise committed is transferred into this account to maintain an appropriate level of financial security. Both the reserves account and risk register are reviewed annually by the Treasurer and an additional office bearer, with input from relevant staff and committee members.

Unrestricted reserves at year end and the value required to meet our assessed risks will be updated once final figures for the period are confirmed. Any funds held above the agreed reserves level will support the continued development of the Centre and its services.

The risk register currently covers £1,436 for staff redundancy payments, £1,000 for contractual obligations and £50,000 for six months running costs. Unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2025 were £78,656, of which £59,869 is held in a separate reserves bank account and so the trustees are satisfied this aim is being met comfortably. Funds held in excess of this amount will be reinvested in the development of the organisation.

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Financial Review

The charity incurred a net deficit of £13,490 for the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: surplus of £14,369). This comprised a deficit on unrestricted

funds of £21,280 and a surplus on restricted funds of £7,790.
At 31 March 2025 reserves stood at £91,881 (2024: £105,371), with £78,656 of these being unrestricted (2024: £99,936) and £13,225 being restricted funds (2024: £5,435).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of Garnethill Multicultural Centre

Registered charity number SC022645

Accounts of the charity for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Set out on pages 9 -14

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement:

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement:

Inthecourseofmy examination,nomatterhascometomy attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to:
-keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
-prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
have not been met, or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
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Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts Notes
Unrestricted
Funds
£
Restricted
Funds
£
Total
Funds
£
2024
Total
£
Donations
Grants
Trading
Other
Investment Income
Payments
3
4
5
6
7
5,515
-
80,349
279
1,076
87,219
-
62,019
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80,349

279

1,076

149,238

3,720

62,804

75,658

3,313

1,054

146,549

Charitable Activities Costs

Support Costs

8

9

107,839

660

108,499

54,229

-

54,229

162,068

660

162,728

131,520

660

132,180

Net Receipts/-Payments (21,280) 7,790 (13,490) 14,369

Transfers Between Funds ----

Net Surplus/-Deficit for the Year (21,280) 7,790 (13,490) 14,369

Funds Brought Forward 99,936 5,435 105,371 91,002

Funds Carried Forward 11

78,656 13,225 91,881 105,371

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities in both years.

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Statement of Balances

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2024
Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	
£	£	£	£	
Opening Cash and Bank Balances	99,936	5,435	105,371	91,002
Surplus/-Deficit for the year	(21,280)	7,790	(13,490)	14,369
Closing Cash and Bank Balances	78,656	13,225	91,881	105,371
Tangible Fixed Assets				

Property 269,065 -269,065 269,065
Grand Total 347,721 13,225 360,946 374,436

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Notes to the Accounts

1. General Information
Garnethill Multicultural Centre ("the charity") is Scottish charitable incorporated organisation governed by its constitution as amended October 2019. It was registered as a charity in Scotland (registered number SC022645) on 6 June 1994. Its registered address is 21 Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RE.

2. Basis of Preparation
These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

3. Donations Unrestricted Restricted Total 2024
Funds Funds Funds Funds
£ £ £ £
Donations 5,515 -5,515 3,720

4. Grants Unrestricted Restricted Total 2024
Funds Funds Funds Funds
£ £ £ £
GCC Area Partnership -1,000 1,000 -
Robertson Trust ---16,500
Bank of Scotland Foundation -13,421 13,421 13,421
Glasgow Communities Fund -25,448 25,448 25,448
Generations Working Together -1,250 1,250 1,250
Impact Funding ---1,860
Living Solo Initiative ---825
Paths For All -5,000 5,000 2,500
SGI Foundation ---1,000

GCVS Wellbeing Fund -10,500 10,500 -
 Glasgow Life -5,400 5,400 -
 -62,019 62,019 62,804
 5. Trading Income Unrestricted Restricted Total 2024
 Funds Funds Funds Funds
 £ £ £ £
 Rents Received 77,981 -77,981 73,255
 Fundraising 150 -150 279
 Afterschool Subscription 2,218 -2,218 2,124
 80,349 -80,349 75,658

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6. Other Income Unrestricted Restricted Total 2024
 Funds Funds Funds Funds
 £££ £

Student Support Payment ---3,000
 Sundry Income 279 -279 313
 279 -279 3,313

7. Investment Income Unrestricted Restricted Total 2024
 Funds Funds Funds Funds
 £ £ £ £

Bank Interest 1,076 -1,076 1,054

8. Charitable Activities Costs Unrestricted Restricted Total 2024
 Funds Funds Funds Funds
 £ £ £ £

Salaries 47,062 46,412 93,474 80,231

Affiliation Fee 55 -55 40

Bank Charges 274 -274 258

Building Improvements 3,650 -3,650 17,397

Building Maintenance 7,562 -7,562 5,068

Building Repairs 15,298 -15,298 -

Community Activity/Event 1,490 7,395 8,885 7,935

Consultancy Fees ---1,260

Equipment 3,340 -3,340 482

Gas & Electricity 12,254 -12,254 8,868

Health Walk 46 422 468 -

Insurance 2,969 -2,969 2,515

Internet & Telephone 831 -831 704

Licensing 85 -85 294

Office Expenses 424 -424 727

Other Expenses 851 -851 -

Pensions Contributions 2,436 -2,436 1,701

Professional Fees 7,602 -7,602 1,400

Payroll Fees 1,537 -1,537 1,596

Subscriptions ---552

Software 73 -73 -

Website ---492

107,839 54,229 162,068 131,520
9. Support Costs Unrestricted Restricted Total 2024
Funds Funds Funds Funds
£ £ £ £
Preparation and Independent Examination of Accounts 660 -660 660

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10. Related Party Transactions
The trustees received no remuneration or expenses during the year (2024: Nil).
There were no related party transactions during the year (2024: Nil).
One trustee made twelve donations, totalling £52 during the year (2024: Nil).

11. Funds Analysis Opening Closing
Balance Balance
Unrestricted 1 April 24 Receipts Payments Transfers 31 Mar 25
General 47,516 87,219 108,499 -26,236
Designated Funds 52,420 ---52,420
99,936 87,219 108,499 -78,656
Restricted
Impact Funding 790 -790 --
Glasgow Communities Fund -25,448 25,448 --
Generations Working Together 882 1,250 2,132 --
Living Solo Initiative 825 -825 --
Paths For All 100 5,000 5,100 --
Bank of Scotland Foundation 2,838 13,421 16,259 --
GCC Area Partnership -1,000 --1,000
GCVS Wellbeing Fund -10,500 --10,500
Sauchiehall Street Culture & Heritage -5,400 3,675 -1,725
District
5,435 62,019 54,229 -13,225
Grand Total 105,371 149,238 162,728 -91,881

Purpose of Funds
General Fund The unrestricted, 'free reserves' of the charity
Designated Funds Funds held according to a financial risk register
Glasgow Communities Fund Providing community services support for health and wellbeing and community asset development
Paths For All Promotion of active lives for older adults, running weekly health walks, incorporating strength, balance and social connectedness
Robertson Trust Ongoing support for delivery of vital community services and facilities
Bank of Scotland Promotion of the arts within the community, providing community food to increase community resilience and positive interactions. Community capacity building
Generations Working Together Funding to research community safety using participatory led intergenerational projects
Living Solo Initiative Funding for the conversation cafe to provide drop in support to asylum seekers

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ImpactFunding WinterSocialWellbeing funding for'WinterWarmer' cooking workshops

Glasgow Area Partnership Funding tobe usedtowards emergency electroicalwork withinthe community owedbuilding

SauchiehallStreetCulture & Heritage Funding tobe usedtowards the 'Community Heritage Grant: Uncovering SauchiehallStreet' project District

GCVS Wellbeing Fund Funding tobe usedto supportthe StrongerTogether: Grow LearnCook Nourish SupportProject