



Peace & Justice

**Annual Report and Accounts
for the Year ended
31 December 2024**

Scottish Charity No: SC 026864

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Reference and Administrative information For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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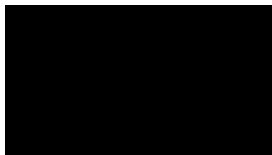
Scottish Charity Number:

SC 026864

Management Committee (Trustees):

The following were members of the management committee (trustees of the charity)

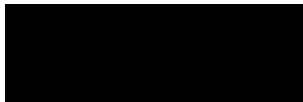
Current Trustees



(Convener)
(Secretary)

(from April 2024)

Trustees who resigned during the year:



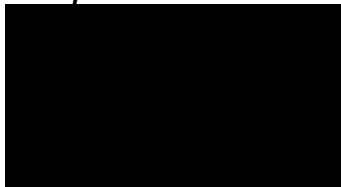
(Treasurer – until August 2024)
(Treasurer – August to November 2024)

Staff:



(Administration and information officer - until October 2024)
(Peacebuilding coordinator - until November 2024)

Independent examiner:



Bankers:

Bank of Scotland
Edinburgh Tollcross Branch
Princes Exchange
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Edinburgh
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Annual Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with accounting regulations for Scottish charities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Peace & Justice (formerly Edinburgh Peace & Justice Centre) is an unincorporated body, established by constitution in 2010, and is registered as a Scottish Charity (SC 026864). The management of Peace & Justice is entrusted to a Committee elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the Committee during the year. Further reference and administrative information, including the names of trustees, is shown on page 2.

Charitable Purposes

The principal objects of the Centre are:

- i. To promote understanding of methods of conflict resolution, the maintenance of human rights, and the environmental conditions needed for a sustainable world order, doing so by the provision of an information and educational resource centre for the general public and for various charitable bodies that work in the same fields.
- ii. to promote the above objects in a way which maintains ethnic, religious, gender and party-political neutrality.

And our Values: Nonviolence, Conflict Resolution, Alternatives to War, Human Rights, Ecological Responsibility.

The objects, powers and restrictions are set out in full in the constitution.

Review of Activities

Joint premises at Words & actions for peace and partnership with Secure Scotland

Peace & Justice (P&J) continue to be based at Words & Actions for Peace (WandA) at 58 Ratcliffe Terrace, sharing responsibility together with Secure Scotland (SeScot) for keeping the space open and welcoming members of the public Monday – Friday, 10am till 4pm. The open shop front allows us to have a public presence, and the centre is also used for meetings and events (P&J, SeScot as well as other community groups).

Our ongoing partnership with SeScot has led to a number of shared events during 2024.

Throughout 2024 we held monthly *Sunday lunches* at the premises, 12 to 2pm on the last weekend of the month - a simple (home-made) bread & soup lunch along with discussion about the work of the centre and a general friendly chat.

The *joint newsletter* has proven very popular, with members of the public picking it up in the centre, as well as it being sent to members. Over the year articles written by groups affiliated with P&J have been included, as well as the newsletter providing a channel to share news of the work of the centre.

On 6 June 2024, during the General Election campaign, we hosted a *well attended hustings*, with a focus on peace, attended by a number of the local candidates.

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Review of Activities (continued)

In June we also held an information stall (along with SeScot) at the annual Edinburgh Meadows Festival. An ideal opportunity to share peacebuilding ideas with the general public.

On October 7th we held a candlelit vigil in WandA, jointly organised by Scottish Palestinian Forum, SeScot and P&J, and supported by some members of the Edinburgh Jewish community. The vigil provided a time to mourn and to remember all those killed over the past year in Israel and Palestine, as well as those held by Hamas and in Israel under 'administrative detention'.

Projects led by our Peacebuilding Coordinator

1) *Peace Garden Project*

The Peace Garden Project is a collaboration between Peace & Justice, Multicultural Family Base, and Bridgend Farmhouse, bringing together refugees (New Scots) and locals through the construction of a garden at Bridgend Farmhouse. The Peace Garden was officially opened on Sunday 18 August by Depute Provost [REDACTED]

In 2024, a Peace Garden 'steering group' organised a number of workshops which included: landscaping, garden design, planting, peace pole making, stone/wood bench making, clay modelling. The Peace Garden Project models a seasonal approach to peacebuilding, recognising that we require periods of rest and reflection to be effective. The seasonal nature of the garden ensures that any future developments have this approach method at its core.

2) *Summer Peace Camp*

The Peace Camp was a collaboration between Peace & Justice, Richmond Craigmillar Church, and Camas Outdoor Centre (the Iona Community's outdoor activity centre on Mull). P&J took a group of young people from Niddrie (recognised as an area of significant social deprivation, consistently ranking among Scotland's most deprived areas according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) to the camp, providing a program of outdoor activities with morning/evening peace-related reflections.

3) *51 Strangers*

51 Strangers aimed to tackle loneliness in Edinburgh's student population, linking isolating technology with a rise in online and real-life conflicts. Experimental by nature, the project sought to bring strangers together through a scavenger hunt game which Mark tried out at the Meadows Festival. Unfortunately we struggled to secure any large pots of funding, so development of the project was not possible.

Peacebuilding in the Community

P&J continued to mark *Conscientious Objectors day* in May 2024, with a vigil on Princes Street, and a walk to the area in Princes Street Gardens where a tree has been planted to commemorate Conscientious Objectors.

The event that was supported by SWILPF, Secure Scotland, and Pax Christi Scotland with thanks to Protest in Harmony for the wonderful music.

In July we hosted a showing of the film *Where Olive Trees Weep*. The documentary film explores themes of loss, trauma, and the quest for justice of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation, following among others Palestinian journalist and therapist [REDACTED], grassroots activist [REDACTED], Israeli journalist [REDACTED], and Canadian [REDACTED]

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Review of Activities (continued)

Our annual *Carnall Peace Award* was awarded to Cloud and Accucilia Maboudi, of the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, whose work with young people in Zimbabwe promoting peace through poetry & writing is inspirational.

We held a well attended night of poetry and song held in the United Augustine Church, on 25 September. The event was supported by local poets from Scottish PEN and we heard via video from Cloud and Accucilia about their work.

On Remembrance Sunday we held our traditional *Alternative Remembrance Day* at the Quaker Meeting House, sharing poems and songs highlighting the folly of war as a solution to conflict.

We then walked to the Peace Tree in Princes Street gardens where we 'planted' white crosses and laid a white poppy wreath.

Our final peace event of 2024 was on 10 December when we joined other Scottish peace groups on a torchlight procession from the Scottish Parliament to Queen Elizabeth House (UK Government Hub in Edinburgh) to mark the Nobel celebrations in Oslo where Nihon Hidankyo, a Japanese grassroots organisation of atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Financial Review

Receipts and payments during the year are set out in the statement on page 7. There were net payments of £267 in the year, compared to net payments of £1,896 in the previous year.

Income from Grants and donations was significantly higher than the previous year. This enabled greater expenditure on peace-building projects.

We are very grateful to all who support the charity through grants, donations, monthly standing orders, gift aid and fundraising activities.

Details of the balances at the start and end of the year are shown on page 8. Balances of £61,671 are carried forward with £41,474 of this held for restricted funds.

Details of the movement on funds are shown in note 6 on page 10. Restricted fund balances carried forward amount to £41,474 including £40,316 for the OWM project, and £798 for the Cranes project.

Excluding the balance of £18,948 in the designated fund for peace-building projects there is a balance of £1,249 remaining in unrestricted funds, which represents the free reserves of the charity. The policy of the charity is to maintain reserves at a level of at least half a year's normal expenditure. The current free reserves represent less than 1 month of normal expenditure.

Approved by the Trustees on 11 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Trustee

Date: 11 November 2025

Report of the Independent Examiner To the Trustees of Peace & Justice

I report on the accounts of Peace & Justice (the charity) for the year to 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

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) Act 2005 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my 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
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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.



Date: 11 November 2025

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Statement of Receipts and Payments For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts:					
Membership Subscriptions		5,522	-	5,522	5,309
Grants	3	27,634	-	27,634	1,000
Donations & fund-raising	4	1,670	-	1,670	10,977
Gift aid		-	-	-	4,905
Fee income		800	-	800	-
Bank interest		617	-	617	455
Other income		63	-	63	205
Total receipts		<u>36,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,306</u>	<u>22,851</u>
Payments:					
Staff costs		22,757	-	22,757	19,650
Opposing War Memorial direct costs		-	-	-	1,000
Peace Camp		-	-	-	-
Peace-building direct costs		10,456	-	10,456	1,500
Cranes project direct costs		-	-	-	500
Resource Materials		544	-	544	35
Events, publicity and printing		421	-	421	466
Office expenses		617	-	617	598
Insurance		1,343	-	1,343	893
Other expenses		435	-	435	105
Total payments		<u>36,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,573</u>	<u>24,747</u>
Net (payments) / receipts in year		(267)	-	(267)	(1,896)
Transfers		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in year		(267)	-	(267)	(1,896)
Balance brought forward		<u>20,464</u>	<u>41,474</u>	<u>61,938</u>	<u>63,834</u>
Balance carried forward		<u><u>20,197</u></u>	<u><u>41,474</u></u>	<u><u>61,671</u></u>	<u><u>61,938</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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Statement of Balances at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Funds Reconciliation:				
Opening funds	20,464	41,474	61,938	63,834
Net movement in year	<u>(267)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(267)</u>	<u>(1,896)</u>
Closing funds	<u>20,197</u>	<u>41,474</u>	<u>61,671</u>	<u>61,938</u>

Closing bank & cash balances:

Current bank account	10,822	-	10,822	9,769
Deposit bank account	9,290	41,474	50,764	52,147
PayPal balance	<u>85</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>22</u>
<i>Total closing bank & cash balances</i>	<u>20,197</u>	<u>41,474</u>	<u>61,671</u>	<u>61,938</u>

	2024 £	2023 £
Liabilities:		
Accountancy & independent examination	900	600
HMRC - payroll liabilities	1,083	640
Pension liability	<u>125</u>	<u>52</u>
	<u>2,108</u>	<u>1,292</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 11 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Date: 11 November 2025

Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in furtherance of any of the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. *Designated funds* are set aside out of unrestricted funds for particular purposes.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Details of each fund are shown in note 6 below.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3. Grants				
<i>for Peace-building projects</i>				
Awards for All	10,000	-	10,000	-
Aviva Community Fund	1,314	-	1,314	-
Hugh Fraser Foundation	2,000	-	2,000	-
Scottish Episcopal Church	5,350	-	5,350	-
Faithful Welcome	500	-	500	-
Southall Trust	1,970	-	1,970	-
Nancy Massey Trust	-	-	-	1,000
<i>for Core costs</i>				
Pumphouse	4,000	-	4,000	-
EVOG	2,500	-	2,500	-
	<u>27,634</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,634</u>	<u>1,000</u>
4. Donations & fund-raising	£	£	£	£
for general purposes	1,670	-	1,670	520
for Peace-building projects	-	-	-	7,500
Crowdfunder for Peace-building projects	-	-	-	2,957
	<u>1,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,670</u>	<u>10,977</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to trustees in the current year and no expenses reimbursed.

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6. Movement in Funds	At 1.1.24 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31.12.24 £
<i>Restricted funds:</i>					
Opposing War Memorial	40,316	-	-	-	40,316
Cranes project	798	-	-	-	798
Weave Community	360	-	-	-	360
<i>Total restricted</i>	41,474	-	-	-	41,474
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>					
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Legacy Fund	2,879	-	-	(1,630)	1,249
Peace-building projects	17,585	22,084	(20,721)		18,948
<i>Total Designated funds</i>	20,464	22,084	(20,721)	(1,630)	20,197
General fund	-	14,222	(15,852)	1,630	-
<i>Total unrestricted</i>	20,464	36,306	(36,573)	-	20,197
<i>Total funds</i>	61,938	36,306	(36,573)	-	61,671

Notes:

The role of the Centre as custodian of funds for the Scottish Peace Network ceased in 2018 with the transfer of remaining funds to the SPN. The Centre holds a small fund (£360) on behalf of the Weave Community Edinburgh.

The *designated legacy fund* arises from a legacy of £50,000 received in 2017 plus a final payment of £9,321 received in 2018.